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PREFACE

THE papyri which form the subject of the present volume were obtained in the spring of 1902 from the Ptolemaic necropolis of El-Hibeh, partly by purchase, partly from our first excavations at that site, as is recorded in the Introduction. On p. 5 will be found an explanation of the remarkable fact that some of the literary papyri here edited belong to MSS. of which fragments were published by us in 1897. The papyri were, with one exception (no. 23), derived from mummy-cartonnage, and all belong to the third century B. C.

In editing the classical fragments we have continued to avail ourselves very largely of the most generous assistance of Professor F. Blass, whose weighty judgement we have followed in the authorship suggested for most of the new pieces (nos. 1-18), and to whom is due much of their reconstruction and interpretation, besides many suggestions on difficulties arising in the fragments of extant authors (nos. 19-26). With regard to the non-literary texts we have received much help from Professor J. G. Smyly, who has not only placed at our service his intimate acquaintance with the contemporary Petrie papyri, but has in many cases revised our decipherments of the texts and made suggestions for their interpretation. His knowledge of ancient mathematics has materially assisted in the elucidation of the astronomical calendar (no. 27), and without his aid we should certainly not have ventured, as we have done in Appendix I, upon the difficult, perhaps even hopeless, task of attempting to solve the perplexing problems connected with the Macedonian calendar. Our proof-sheets have also had the advantage of having been read through by Dr. J. P. Mahaffy, to whose liberality we owe the insertion of a facsimile of the calendar (Plate VIII). Some assistance which we have received from other scholars on special points is acknowledged in connexion with the individual papyri.

For the interpretation of several demotic dockets appended to the Greek texts we are indebted to Mr. F. Ll. Griffith, who has generously allowed us to utilize his forthcoming edition of demotic papyri in the John Rylands Library.

A few words of explanation are due concerning the alternative years B. C. on the Julian calendar into which for the convenience of our readers the dates by the king's reign are converted. Apart from the difficulties caused by the frequent employment of the Macedonian in preference to the Egyptian months for dating purposes, an element of uncertainty is introduced into the conversion of practically all early Ptolemaic dates into their equivalents on the Julian calendar owing to the fact that at least two systems of reckoning the king's years were in common use, while papyri rarely provide any indication which method is being employed in a particular case. The nature of these different systems is discussed in Appendix II, but the evidence is unfortunately at present insufficient for a satisfactory explanation. Accordingly we have converted the dates by the king's years into what (granting the correctness of the Canon of Ptolemaic kings) are their equivalents on the Julian calendar, firstly on the conventional assumption that the king's years were reckoned from Thoth 1 of the *annus vagus*, the balance of days between his accession and the next Thoth 1 being counted as his 1st year, and secondly on the assumption (which is likely to be correct in many cases) that another system of reckoning the king's years was employed, according to which the dates when expressed by the Julian calendar may be a year later than they would have been if the first system had been employed. The dates B. C. which result or may result from the use of the second system are enclosed in brackets.

In conclusion we have to beg the indulgence of subscribers to the Graeco-Roman Branch for presenting them with a memoir which on account of its length is to count as a double volume. The next memoir of the Branch, Part V of the *Oxyrhynchus Papyri*, in which we shall begin the publication of the very important literary texts discovered in 1905-6 (cf. *The Times*, May 14, 1906), is already in hand, and we hope to issue it in June, 1907.

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NOTE ON THE METHOD OF PUBLICATION AND LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

THE general system followed in this volume is that of its predecessors. Literary texts are printed as they appear in the originals, except for division of words, capital initials in proper names, and reconstruction, where practicable, of lacunae. Additions or corrections by the same hand as the body of the texts are in small thin type, those by a different hand in thick type. Non-literary documents are printed in modern style with accentuation and punctuation: abbreviations and symbols are resolved, while additions and corrections are usually incorporated in the text, their occurrence being recorded in the critical notes; but where special considerations make this method inconvenient, alterations in the original have been reproduced, later hands being distinguished, as in the literary texts, by thick type. Faults of orthography, &c., are corrected in the critical apparatus wherever they seemed likely to cause any difficulty. Iota adscript is printed when so written, otherwise iota subscript is used. Square brackets [] indicate a lacuna, round brackets () the resolution of a symbol or abbreviation, angular brackets < > a mistaken omission in the original, braces { } a superfluous letter or letters, double square brackets [] a deletion in the original. Dots placed within brackets represent the approximate number of letters lost or deleted; dots outside brackets indicate mutilated or otherwise illegible letters. Letters with dots underneath them are to be considered doubtful. Heavy Arabic numerals refer to the texts of the present volume, ordinary numerals to lines, small Roman numerals to columns. On the numeration of the different mummies from which the papyri were obtained see pp. 11-12; and on the alternative years B.C. in expressing dates according to the Julian calendar see the Preface.

The abbreviations used in referring to papyrological publications are practically the same as those adopted by Wilcken in *Archiv für Papyrusforschung*, I, pp. 25-8, viz. :—

P. Amh. = The Amherst Papyri (Greek), Vols. I and II, by B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt.

Archiv = Archiv für Papyrusforschung.

B. G. U. = Aeg. Urkunden aus den Königl. Museen zu Berlin, Griech. Urkunden.

P. Brit. Mus. = Catalogue of Greek Papyri in the British Museum, Vols. I and II, by F. G. Kenyon.

C. P. R. = Corpus Papyrorum Raineri, Vol. I, by C. Wessely.

P. Cairo = Catalogue of Greek Papyri in the Cairo Museum, by B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt.

P. Fay. = Fayûm Towns and their Papyri, by B. P. Grenfell, A. S. Hunt, and D. G. Hogarth.

P. Gen. = Les Papyrus de Genève, by J. Nicole.

P. Grenf. = Greek Papyri, Series I, by B. P. Grenfell, and Series II, by B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt.

P. Leyden = Papyri Graeci Musei antiquarii Lugduni-Batavi, by C. Leemans.

P. Magd. = Papyrus de Magdola, *Bulletin de Corr. hell.*, xxvi, pp. 95-128, xxvii, pp. 174-205, by P. Jouguet and G. Lefebvre.

P. Oxy. = The Oxyrhynchus Papyri, Parts I-IV, by B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt.

P. Par. = Les Papyrus Grecs du Musée du Louvre, *Notices et Extraits*, t. xviii, 2, by W. Brunet de Presle and E. Egger.

P. Petrie = The Flinders Petrie Papyri, Parts I and II by the Rev. J. P. Mahaffy, Part III by the Rev. J. P. Mahaffy and J. G. Smyly. Our references are to Part III wherever texts previously published are reprinted there.

Rev. Laws = Revenue Laws of Ptolemy Philadelphus, by B. P. Grenfell, with an Introduction by the Rev. J. P. Mahaffy.

P. Tebt. = The Tebtunis Papyri, Part I by B. P. Grenfell, A. S. Hunt, and J. G. Smyly (Part II by B. P. Grenfell, A. S. Hunt, and E. J. Goodspeed, in the press).

P. Tor. = Papyri Graeci Regii Taurinensis Musei Aegyptii, by A. Peyron.

Wilcken, *Ost.* = Griechische Ostraka, by U. Wilcken.

P. Zois = Papiri Greco-Egizi di Zoide dell' Imp. R. Museo di Vienna, by A. Peyron, re-edited in *xi. Jahresb. iib. d. k. k. Franz-Joseph-Gymnasium in Wien* by C. Wessely.

INTRODUCTION

IN February and March, 1902, while we were excavating in the Fayûm, a dealer who had been travelling in Upper Egypt brought us a large quantity of broken papyrus-cartonnage, amongst which we noticed the presence of numerous literary fragments of the third century B.C. Our work in the Fayûm was at that time drawing to an end, the available sites for the discovery of Ptolemaic papyri being exhausted, and we were naturally anxious to take at once the opportunity of finding Ptolemaic papyrus-cartonnage in a different district. With some difficulty we ascertained that the provenance of the papyri brought to us was Hibeh, on the east bank of the Nile between Benisuêf and Shêkh Fadl (Cynopolis); and as the Director-general of Antiquities most obligingly gave us permission to proceed thither at once, we were able to start work on March 24. The excavations were carried on until April 11 (*Arch. Report*, 1901-2, pp. 4-5), and resumed in January, 1903, for nearly a month (*Arch. Report*, 1902-3, pp. 1-3). In February, 1903, after examining several sites between Hibeh and Shêkh Fadl, we returned to Behnesa, which has occupied us for the last three and a half seasons.

The ruins of the ancient town of Hibeh are situated on the river bank facing the villages of Feshn and Fent. The high desert at this point approaches the river edge, leaving only a narrow strip a few yards in width available for cultivation, and providing suitable places for quarrying limestone. The town was built on rising ground, which reaches its highest point at the north-west corner of the site. The most conspicuous feature is the massive wall of crude brick, some metres thick, which protects it from attack on the north and east sides, the east wall running in a south-westerly direction to meet the river, so that the area enclosed forms with the river a kind of acute-angled triangle. Stamped bricks with the names of the princess Estemkheb, her husband Menkheperre or their son Pinotem II, show that the walls were built under the XXIst Dynasty. Near the south end of the site stood a small temple ($36 \times 16\frac{1}{2}$ metres), built by Shishanq and Osorkon of the XXIInd Dynasty, the picturesque ruins being now overgrown with palms. The principal entrance to the town was through the north wall, near its east corner; west of the entrance the wall becomes more than usually strong as the ground rises to a peak, and it is probable that here was the citadel. The west face of this peak has been cut away for stone; and

it is not clear whether the wall was ever continued down to the river, which, moreover, has apparently encroached slightly upon the south end of the site, washing away the original south corner of the wall. Opposite the ruins, and separated only by a channel which becomes dry in the summer, is an island about 2 miles long, which was already there in early times, for it is mentioned in the demotic papyri from Hibeh of Darius' reign (cf. p. 7). The modern village of El-Hibeh is a poor hamlet a few hundred yards to the south of the ruins, and is combined for administrative purposes with another village on the island which contains a few hundred feddans of cultivated ground, while on the main land there is practically none. The extensive necropolis of Hibeh lies round the ancient city to the north, east, and south of the walls, and dates from New Empire to Roman times. By far the greater part of it had been dug out before our arrival, principally in 1895-6, when, as report states, an Arab dealer from the Pyramids, known as Shêkh Hassan, excavated the cemetery on a large scale. From the assertions of an inhabitant of Hibeh who was then employed as a *reis*, it appears that the dealer met with much success, especially in the discovery of scarabs, amulets, ushabtis, statuettes, faience and alabaster vases, and other objects such as would be found in the later tombs of the New Empire. Quantities of mummies of the Ptolemaic period with papyrus-cartonnage were also unearthed, but thrown away as worthless. This is the usual fate of cartonnage found in the Nile valley proper, where, except at one or two places, native tomb-diggers until quite recently attached no value to papyrus apart from large rolls. A handful of small fragments, however, found their way to Cairo, where they were bought by us in 1896; cf. p. 5. During the next few years much plundering continued at Hibeh, among the chief finds being a number of large demotic papyrus rolls, which were discovered together in a pot inside the town close to the east wall in the southern portion of the site. These were bought in Cairo by Lord Crawford, and having passed with the rest of his papyri into the possession of the Rylands Library are now being edited by Mr. F. Ll. Griffith in the *Demotic Papyri of the John Rylands Library*, pp. 38sq. The site, especially the necropolis, had thus been thoroughly ransacked before Ahmed Bey Kamal in the year preceding our excavations was sent by the authorities of the Cairo Museum to investigate the place. His excavations, which lasted only a short time, produced no results of importance; cf. his report in *Annales du Service des Antiquités*, ii. pp. 84-91.

We had taken the precaution of bringing thirty workmen with us from the Fayûm, and our anticipations that the local inhabitants would not be satisfactory were fully justified. The villagers of Hibeh, having hardly any land to cultivate, earn their living by antiquity-plundering or salt-digging in the neighbouring

desert; for regular work at the normal rate of wages they were not in the least disposed, while the inhabitants of the village on the island were not sufficiently intelligent to be of much use in the rather difficult task of clearing out the remains of a much plundered cemetery. We had no hesitation in deciding at which part of the necropolis to begin operations. The tomb which had produced the papyri brought to us in the Fayûm was about 150 yards outside the town, in a rocky ridge which faced the north wall and ran from almost the river bank towards a square brick-walled enclosure near the north-east corner of the town; and the report of Shêkh Hassan's *ex-reis* that *wushâsh waraq* ('faces of paper,' the Arabic term for papyrus-cartonnage) were to be found in this quarter was confirmed by the presence of many broken Ptolemaic mummies and limestone sarcophagi strewn about in the vicinity. The area bounded on the south by the town wall, on the north and north-east by the rocky ridge just mentioned, forms a triangular depression, of which the base is the margin of cultivation on the west, and the apex the brick enclosure on the east. The surface of the desert, which rises in an easterly direction, was to a large extent covered with loose debris, consisting partly of rubbish thrown out from the town between the time of its foundation in the XXIst Dynasty and the Ptolemaic period, with occasional accumulations of later date above the earlier mounds, partly of bricks which had fallen down from the wall or belonged to the buildings that had stood there before the Ptolemaic period, partly of limestone chips from the rock-tombs scooped out in the ridge to the north and underneath the wall itself, of which we shall speak presently. Throughout this debris at intervals were Ptolemaic burials, mostly in plain limestone sarcophagi, sometimes in rudely painted or plain wooden ones, rarely in pottery coffins, and occasionally without any sarcophagus at all. The bodies were mummified and generally ornamented with detachable cartonnage, either of cloth or papyrus, very similar in the style of decoration to the Fayûm cartonnage. In many cases the Hibeh mummies are externally indistinguishable from those from the Fayûm; but in the Hibeh cartonnage the lower border of the head-pieces more commonly has a white band with a red check-pattern, and in the breast-pieces, though these are sometimes very large, the interstices between the figures or other objects painted have not infrequently been cut out, while foot-pieces are generally absent, but where found are of the larger kind and do not degenerate into the two small pieces of cartonnage attached to the soles which are so common in the Fayûm. The burials in the debris were very shallow, usually not more than two or three feet from the surface, occasionally only a few inches below it, though in some parts it was necessary to dig through six or seven feet of Roman rubbish to reach the Ptolemaic level. In the lower ground,

which had been much dug by *sebakhîn*, near the river bank damp had proved fatal to the cartonnage, and even higher up the rise was often insufficient to protect the mummies from the moisture soaking through the soil from below, particularly when they had not been buried in the stone chips. In the process of digging through the rubbish of the late New Empire period to find the Ptolemaic sarcophagi, a few antiquities, such as scarabs and amulets, were found, and in the accumulations of the Roman period some small pieces of papyrus, none of which is later than the third century. In the Roman rubbish mounds and in some places in the earlier debris we also discovered a number of plain mummies very heavily draped, especially round the face, and tied with red bands. From the levels at which these were lying and the occurrence of similarly draped mummies in the neighbouring cemetery of Maghagha (*Arch. Report*, 1902-3, p. 3), it appears that this style of burial continued down to the sixth century, but most of the Hibeh examples were probably earlier; for in one spot near the west end of the rocky ridge, where a large number of these later burials had been made, we also found, not far from each other, two admirably preserved portrait-mummies similar to those discovered at Hawâra and Rubayyât in the Fayûm. One of these (a woman) is now in the Cairo Museum, the other (a man) in the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge. A plain mummy found in the same group was inscribed Εὐδᾶς Πνεφορῶτος (ἔτους) ις Τραιανοῦ Γερτισκεκῶδης (a place-name?), and the portraits too no doubt belong to the second century; cf. the authoritative discussion of the dating of the Fayûm portraits by C. C. Edgar in *Journ. Hell. Stud.* xxv. pp. 225-33. An inscription rudely carved on a block of limestone measuring 50 x 30 cm. records the death of] Ὁρ[σ]εγεφοιῶτος Ἀπίωνος τῶν ἀπὸ κόμης Φιλόνικου (ἑτῶν) γ.

The Ptolemaic burials in the depression between the rocky ridge and the north wall of the town were mainly those of the poorer classes; wealthier persons were buried in rock-tombs. Of these the south side of the rocky ridge contained a double row, one at the foot, the other a little higher up. They consisted of one or more low chambers scooped out of the rock where a convenient ledge projected, and generally had plain doors. The upper row of tombs had in places been altogether destroyed owing to stone-quarrying; and nearly all the rest, as would be expected, had been plundered anciently, while many of them had been reopened in modern times, principally by Shêkh Hassan, so that such cartonnage as we obtained from them was for the most part very fragmentary. A few untouched tombs, however, were discovered. One of these was in the west face of the corner of the ridge facing the cultivation, and contained four very large limestone sarcophagi with painted wooden coffins inside, containing early Ptolemaic mummies. The head-piece

(of cloth) was detachable, but the other decorations were in accordance with the pre-Ptolemaic practice painted on the mummy. Another tomb had escaped the plunderer through being covered up by the debris of a house which had been built, probably at the same date as the town walls, on a depression between two peaks of the ridge. This contained eight painted wooden coffins and two of limestone, and in the debris itself numerous other mummies had been buried either with or without sarcophagi; many of these contained papyrus-cartonnage, except in one room of the house, which was filled up with mummies mostly ornamented with cloth head-pieces alone.

The tomb which produced the papyri bought by us in the Fayûm was one of the lower row of this group of rock-tombs. It had five chambers, of which four were said to have been opened by Shêkh Hassan, while the fifth, which had been walled up, escaped detection until the beginning of 1902. This information fits in very well with the remarkable coincidence that some of the literary fragments from this tomb are actually parts of the same papyri as certain literary fragments bought by us in Cairo in 1896, and published in *P. Grenf. II.* Of the papyri in the present volume 4 belongs to *P. Grenf. II.* 1, 5 to 8 (*b*), 11 to 6 (*c*), 20 to 3, 21 to 2, 22 to 4¹; and there are numerous additional fragments of *P. Grenf. II.* 7 (*b*), which remain unpublished. It is clear that the mummies from which these literary fragments were derived had been originally discovered in 1896 in Shêkh Hassan's excavations, but that his workmen only took the trouble to remove a few small pieces, the remainder being left behind in the tomb until attention was redirected to it in 1902. The much damaged character of the cartonnage containing these literary fragments indicates that the mummies to which they belonged had been broken up anciently, probably in Roman times, while the comparatively well-preserved pieces of cartonnage bought with them no doubt came for the most part from the chamber which remained intact until 1902.

Opposite these two lines of rock-tombs were two other similar rows, excavated underneath the foundations of the city wall between the entrance and the north-west corner. These were also Ptolemaic, and had contained mummies with the usual cloth or papyrus cartonnage. The lower line of tombs at the foot of the rock on which the wall stands had been thoroughly plundered in Shêkh Hassan's time, but the upper line, placed in the ledge of desert on which the lower tier of the wall rested, had escaped notice because the entrances were covered over with the debris of bricks which had fallen down from above. These tombs had in every case been opened and sometimes re-used anciently,

¹ We are informed by M. S. de Ricci that in 1899 he identified a few additional fragments belonging to *P. Grenf. II.* 4 in the Heidelberg collection. It is to be hoped that these will soon be published.

for not only were the mummies more or less broken up, but some scraps of Roman papyri were found in one tomb, and an inscription rudely scratched above the door of another, Τάφος Ἀσφο . Πετεχῶ(ντος) Κνιδ(ίου) α, also probably dates from the Roman period. Some fairly well preserved pieces of cartonnage were nevertheless obtained; and in one spot we found in a recess under the wall a group of twenty mummies, nineteen buried in stone sarcophagi, one in a wooden one, of which fourteen contained papyrus-cartonnage. A passage led from this recess to a subterranean chamber filled with thin painted wooden sarcophagi, but the cartonnage of the mummies inside these was uniformly cloth.

This series of rock-tombs came to an end at the town gate; underneath the remaining piece of the north wall and the outside of the whole of the east wall there were no suitable ledges under which to excavate chambers. A few isolated stone or wooden sarcophagi had been laid here and there against the wall, and there were numerous burials of the Roman period, but no papyrus-cartonnage was found. The most important discovery here was an untouched tomb beneath a small brick building adjoining the east wall near its north corner. In the debris of this building were many inscribed bases of funerary statuettes and a wooden figure of Isis, probably of the Persian period. Below the floor of one of the rooms was a square shaft eight feet deep, leading to three rudely cut chambers in the rock, the chamber on the north being divided by a wall from one beyond. Here were found several sarcophagi, some of plain limestone shaped like a mummy, others of wood. The painting on the outside of the latter approximated in style to that on Ptolemaic coffins, but some of the sarcophagi were also painted inside, a rare phenomenon in the Ptolemaic period. Two well-preserved specimens of these were brought away; one, belonging to Khonsu-tef-Nekt, is now at Brussels, the other at Cairo. The mummies had no cartonnage and were bound in thick white wrappings. Sometimes a network of small blue beads had been placed on the breast, but often the beads were merely painted on the cloth. The tomb also contained a set of four Canopic vases, a good-sized bronze statuette of Osiris, and numerous very coarse ushabtis. From the style of the sarcophagi and other objects it is clear that this burial belonged to one of the last two or three centuries before the Ptolemies.

Near the north-east corner of the wall is, as has been said, a brick-walled enclosure measuring about 75×65 metres, of which a photograph is given in Petrie's *Methods and Aims of Archaeology*, fig. 6. Report states that antiquities were found underneath the walls, a rumour which gains some confirmation from the circumstance that they have been extensively dug about in recent times.

Within the enclosure is a natural hillock with several convenient ledges for placing rock-tombs, which have all been plundered. Ahmed Bey Kamal (*Annales*, ii. p. 90) states that crocodile-mummies were found in them; but some at any rate of the burials were human. The tombs, like the surrounding wall, are no doubt anterior to the Ptolemaic period; and we conjecture that they formed a private cemetery belonging to one of the chief families of Hibeh in its early days, being walled off for greater protection, like the enclosures to be found in many modern Egyptian cemeteries in the desert.

In the ground to the east of the town, along the path which leads to the modern village of Hibeh, are numerous rock-tombs under low ridges or shallow shafts leading to subterranean chambers. Previous diggings show that dogs and cats were buried in this part as well as human mummies, generally without sarcophagi, and rumour is probably correct in stating that no antiquities of value have been found there. Probably the tombs belong to the later Ptolemaic period. They are now being again used for burial purposes by the Copts. Further south beyond the town walls are more rock-tombs, chiefly in low hillocks along the margin of cultivation. Papyrus-cartonnage is reported to have been found here, but spoiled by damp; and other burials in stone sarcophagi laid only a few inches under the surface are also frequent in this quarter. No part of the south-eastern necropolis seemed promising for our purposes, and the only find of any interest was an elaborately decorated Ptolemaic mummy (now at Cairo) in a painted wooden sarcophagus inside another of heavy limestone.

A few days were devoted to the investigation of the town ruins, where, except for the group of demotic papyri found in a pot (cf. p. 2), not much seems ever to have been discovered either by antiquity-seekers or by *sebakhîn*, who visit Hibeh in large numbers during the summer. As we had expected, the mounds were not at all productive of papyri. In the northern part near the wall the houses were filled up with debris of bricks and contained no *afsh*, and the mounds further south near the river were far too much affected by damp to yield papyrus, even in the upper strata. A few houses on higher ground in the south-east quarter of the town had some *afsh*, but had already been much dug, and we found little save some second or third century fragments. Underneath the east wall on the inside was a series of funerary chambers cut in the rock, which had been plundered long ago. These were probably used by the pre-Ptolemaic inhabitants.

That the old Egyptian name of Hibeh was Teuzoi in the Heracleopolite nome is known from the demotic papyri found there and now being edited by

Mr. Griffith (*Dem. Pap. of the John Rylands Library*, p. 40); but its name in Graeco-Roman times, during which it undoubtedly continued to be inhabited, remains undiscovered. Papyri from mummy-cartonnage give little help towards the identification of the site at which they happen to be found, since mummies were often carried a long distance to be buried in a particular place. Very few of the pieces of cartonnage found in the Hibeh cemetery are likely to have been manufactured at Hibeh itself, and from internal evidence it is clear that many of the mummies came from villages on the west bank in the Oxyrhynchite nome. It is, therefore, necessary to depend mainly on the evidence provided by the scanty papyri of the Roman period found in the town and by the statements of ancient geographers; the funerary inscription mentioning the village Φιλονίκου (cf. p. 4), which in *Arch. Report*, 1901-2, p. 5, we provisionally identified with Hibeh, may, like the cartonnage, have been brought from elsewhere, and is therefore not a sound basis for argument.

The evidence of the Roman papyri is as follows. One petition was written by a person ἀπὸ κώμης Ψύχεως τοῦ κάτω Κωίτου; a receipt mentions the κωμάρχαι Ἀγκυρώνων, and another document Ἀσσύα τοῦ Κωίτου τοῦ ὑπὲρ Μέμφιν [Ἡρακλεοπολίτου (probably, cf. C. P. R. 6. 4, &c.; but τοῦ ὑπὲρ Μέμφιν might agree with Κωίτου; cf. 95. 5 ἐν Ὁξυρύγχων πόλει τῇ ὑπερθε Μέμφ[ε]ως). A taxing list of payments arranged according to villages mentions Ἀγκυρώνων, Φιλονείκου (cf. the funerary inscription, p. 4), Περόη, Ἰππώνων, Τααμόρου, Μούχεως, Τάλη, Ἀσσύας, Μουχινθαν(), Κερκεσήφews, Κόβα, and Ψεβθονέμβ(η) (cf. 33. 7). Probably all these villages were in the Κωίτης τόπος; cf. 117, where Τάλη and Ἀσσύα occur in an account concerning villages in the Κωίτης, and 112. On the verso of this papyrus is a long list of Heracleopolite villages including Ἀλιλάεω[s], Κολασουχ(), Πεταχ(), Σῶβθ(ews), Πενάμew(s), Τερτονιχ(), Μούχεω(s), Τοσαχ(), Τερούφ[ε]ως, Φεβε[ί]χ[ε]ω[s], Τάσεως, Θελάβ(νθεως), Τοκῶews, Νοήρεως, Θμουινῶθ(ews), Φνεβίεως (corr. from Φεβείχεως), Χόννεως, Πεννίβ(ews), Κόμα, Κρήκεως, Βουσ[είρε]ως, Τερτοναλ(), Τέχθωι, Θμο[ι]ναχ(ῇ), Νίσεως, Σινάρν. Several of these villages are already known from published papyri, e. g. Σῶβθις, Πενᾶμις, Νοῆρις, Θμουιναχῇ, Θμουινῶθις, Θεלבῶνθις, Τοκῶις from C.P.R., Φεβίχις from P. Amh. 147. 2, P. Gen. 10. 2, and P. Brit. Mus. 171 b. 7, 8, where 1. ἐν Φεβ[ί]χ[ε]ι τοῦ Κωίτου (Κωίτου has already been suggested by Wilcken; it can also be recognized in C. P. R. 82 (1). 4, where 1. Κωίτου κάτω [τοῦ ὑπ. Μέμφ. Ἡρακλ.] for Κῶι τοῦ κατωτέρου ὑπ. Μέμφ. Ἡρακλ.]); but most of the names are new.

Combining the evidence of these Roman papyri with the frequent references to several of the same villages (e. g. Φεβίχις, Περόη, Κόβα, Ἀσσύα) in the early Ptolemaic papyri of the present volume, it is certain that Hibeh was situated in the Κωίτης τόπος of the Heracleopolite nome. This toparchy must therefore

have comprised the south-east portion of the nome, where it adjoined the Cynopolite, the cemetery of Cynopolis itself being only twenty-five miles south of Hibeh. That the *Κωίτης*, which was subdivided like many toparchies into a lower and upper division, included the whole of that part of the Heracleopolite nome which lay on the east bank is very likely, and it may even have extended to the southern portion of the Heracleopolite nome on the west bank. The references to it in the present volume, especially 78. 12-4, indicate that for some administrative purposes it was distinct from the rest of the Heracleopolite nome and almost treated as a nome itself, though owing to the absence of the *Κωίτης* from the two lists of nomes in Rev. Laws, it cannot have ranked officially as such. The name of the district *Κωίτης* suggests that there was a town called *Kô* or *Kôis* which was its capital, and in fact the existence in this part of Egypt of a town called *Kô* or *Kôs* is attested in the second century by Ptolemy, and in the fifth by Stephanus of Byzantium; cf. maps iv. and viii. of Parthey's *Zur Erdkunde des alten Aegyptens* (*Abh. d. k. Akad. in Berl.*, 1858). Both these authorities place *Kô* close to Cynopolis and on the west bank; Ptolemy's statement (*Geogr.* iv. 5) is *εἴτα ὁμοίως νομὸς Κυνοπολίτης καὶ μητρόπολις ἀπὸ δυσμῶν τοῦ ποταμοῦ Κῶ . . . ἣ ἀντίκειται ἐν τῇ νήσῳ* (sc. the island which was formed by the division of the Nile and contained the Heracleopolite nome) *Κυνῶν πόλις*. Müller, however, suggests in his note *ad loc.* that Ptolemy has created two separate towns out of the two ancient names of the capital of the Cynopolite nome, *Pi-anup* ('city of Anubis,' i.e. *Κυνῶν πόλις*) and *Ka-sa* (Coptic Kais, the modern Kês near Benimazar). That Ptolemy's *Kô*, if it was the metropolis of the Cynopolite nome, is really Cynopolis under a different name is fairly certain; but in view of the new evidence for the existence of a toparchy called *Κωίτης* in the vicinity of the Cynopolite nome, it is possible that there was a town called *Kô* or *Kôs* in the south-eastern part of the Heracleopolite nome, and this *Kô* may have been confused by Ptolemy with Kais-Cynopolis. Papyri, however, provide no evidence for the existence of *Kô*, and there are in any case no grounds for identifying it with Hibeh.

Two other towns mentioned by ancient geographers have a claim to be considered as perhaps identical with Hibeh, *Ἀγκυρῶν πόλις* and *Ἰππώνων*. *Ἀγκυρῶν πόλις*, which is referred to in 67. 4, 112. 74, and 117. 15, as well as in two of the Roman papyri under the form *Ἀγκυρώνων* (cf. p. 8), is placed by Ptolemy about midway between Aphroditopolis and Cynopolis, while Hibeh is only about 12 miles north of the point half-way between Atfih and Kês (Cynopolis). Stephanus of Byzantium, on the other hand, places the town much further north in the same latitude as the Fayûm; but the quarries at Hibeh (cf. p. 1) would well accord with his explanation of the name *Ἀγκυρῶν πόλις*.

(cf. Ptol. *Geogr.* iv. 5, ed. Müller) 'Αγκ. πόλ. ὡς 'Αλέξανδρος ἐν γ' Αἰγυπτιακῶν ὠνόμασται δὲ οὕτως ἐπειδὴ λιθίνας ἔτεμνον ἀγκύρας ἐκ τῆς παρακειμένης λατομίας. The position assigned by the *Itinerarium Antonini* to Hipponon, midway between Aphroditopolis and Speos Artemiḗdos, corresponds very well with the relation of Hibeh to Atfih and Benihasan, and the identification of Hibeh with Hipponon (which has already been proposed, mainly on account of the similarity of the names) would suit the fact that Hipponon was a military post of some importance; cf. the *Notitia Dignitatum*, which shows that the *ala Apriana* was stationed there, and P. Amh. 142. 16, where l. 7] ἡ πραιποσίτω τ[ῶ]ν κάστρων Ἰππώνων. The chief objection to this identification is the silence with regard to Hipponon not only of Ptolemy, but of the Ptolemaic papyri in the present volume, although so many villages of the Κωίτης are mentioned. If the existence of Ἰππώνων as a place of some importance in the Ptolemaic period is ever proved by new evidence, the probability of the identification with Hibeh would be greatly increased; but in the meantime it must be regarded as very doubtful, and the grounds for identifying Hibeh with Ἀγκυρῶν πόλις are quite as strong. So far as can be judged from the Ptolemaic papyri in this volume, the most important village of the Κωίτης was Φεβίχης, which seems to have been a kind of administrative centre; cf. 106. 3 τὸ ἐμ. Φεβίχης λογενηρίον τοῦ Κωίτου. But the fact that Φεβίχης is so often mentioned in the Hibeh papyri may well be due to a mere accident; and in any case there is little justification for identifying it rather than any other village of the Κωίτης with Hibeh, especially as the principal deity of Φεβίχης appears from 72. 2 to have been Heracles, i. e. Hershef, the ram-headed god of Heracleopolis, while the principal deity worshipped at Hibeh in, at any rate, ancient Egyptian times was Ammon, as is shown both by the sculptures in the temple there and by the demotic papyri from Hibeh which Mr. Griffith is editing.

The papyri published in the present volume consist partly of Hibeh papyri bought by us in the Fayûm, partly of the papyri discovered in our first season's excavations in March-April, 1902. These came either from the central depression or from the rock-tombs in the ridge to the north of it (cf. pp. 3-5). The cartonnage found in the second season's excavations in January-February, 1903, which approximately equals in bulk that found in the preceding year, and was obtained either from other parts of the central depression or from the rock-tombs under the town wall, has not yet been examined. The present volume by no means exhausts the first season's results, though all the larger literary fragments and most of the better preserved documents have been included. There still remain numerous small literary fragments, some of which, if they can be fitted together, may turn out to be of value, and a

certain quantity of non-literary documents, the publication of which is postponed for various reasons. Another selection, together with the Ptolemaic papyri found in the second excavations and the Roman papyri, will form the subject of a future volume.

It was to be expected that cartonnage from an ordinary Graeco-Egyptian site in the Nile valley would prove to consist more largely of demotic papyri than cartonnage from the Fayûm, where the Greek element in the population was particularly strong. And though the papyri of the present volume show the presence of numerous Greek settlers in Middle Egypt outside the Fayûm, the proportion of Greek to demotic in the Hibeh cartonnage is distinctly smaller than in that discovered by Flinders Petrie at Gurob and Hawâra, and apparently smaller than in that found by Jouguet and Lefebvre at Magdola, though it is larger than in the cartonnage found by us at Tebtunis, the demotic papyri from which outnumber the Greek by two to one. In point of date the bulk of the Hibeh papyri cover the same period (from the middle of Philadelphus' reign to the end of that of Euergetes I) as the bulk of the Petrie papyri: but the Petrie papyri contain a certain admixture of documents belonging to the reigns of Philopator, Epiphanes and even Philometor, and the oldest document in that collection is dated in the 16th year of Philadelphus (P. Petrie I. 24 (2) = III. 52 (b)), whereas the latest certain date yet discovered in the Hibeh papyri is the 25th year of Euergetes I (90; 7, 91, and 117 for palaeographical reasons may perhaps belong to the reign of Philopator); and there are not only several documents dated in the earlier part of Philadelphus' reign (30, 97, 99, and 100), but a unique specimen of a Greek document dated in the reign of Soter (84 a).

To know which papyri belonged to which mummy is often a matter of importance in determining the place where they were written, the identity of individuals with the same names, and the range of undated pieces, since the papyri from a particular mummy tend to form a group written in the same district, often concerning the same persons, and as a rule not widely separated in date; and in the case of a number of mummies found together, parts of the same papyrus are sometimes obtained from more than one of them. We therefore append a classification of the papyri in the present volume arranged according to the mummies in the cartonnage of which they were found. The bought papyri, which all or nearly all came from a single tomb (cf. p. 5), are distinguished from the others by having A prefixed to their numbers, or, in the case of smaller fragments of cartonnage, by being called simply Mummy A. These numbers accompanying A refer not to the collective cartonnage of one mummy (as the numbers elsewhere of course do), since the different parts were not kept together

by the native finders, but to the separate pieces from which several documents have been extracted. It may therefore occasionally happen that though two 'A' papyri have different numbers, the same mummy was actually their source. Like the great majority of the papyri discovered in the excavations, the bought papyri were partly written in the *Κωίτης τόπος* of the Heracleopolite nome, partly in the Oxyrhynchite nome. From the presence of such a large quantity of literary fragments, it is clear that the papyrus used in making up the cartonnage of several of the mummies (unfortunately those which have suffered most at the hands of plunderers, both ancient and modern) was obtained from a library of classical literature. It is not unlikely that this had belonged to one of the Greek settlers at Oxyrhynchus, a town at which, as its papyri of the Roman period show, Greek literature was particularly widely studied. The mummies from the first season's excavations are distinguished by numbers only. Nos. 62, 64-5, 67, 73-8, 101, 116, and 127 were found together, as were Nos. 79-100. Smaller groups of mummies from the same tomb are (a) Nos. 109-12 and 121; (b) Nos. 68-72; (c) Nos. 118-20. 23, which was discovered in the debris outside the north wall, stands apart from the following list.

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| A. 2. 131. | No. 5. 31, 39, 84 (a)-(b), 97, 100-1, 147-8. |
| A. 4. 121, 134, 135. | No. 6. 30. |
| A. 5. 133. | No. 10. 66-70 (b), 90, 103-4, 160-5. |
| A. 6. 95. | No. 12. 116. |
| A. 7. 72. | No. 13. 40-4, 85, 150-1. |
| A. 8. 57. | No. 18. 9, 63, 65, 94, 110, 157 9. |
| A. 9. 51-3, 56, 58-62, 93, 119, 124, 166-8, and probably 37, 54-5, 125-7, 130. | No. 25. 114. |
| A. 10. 6. | No. 46. 113. |
| A. 11. 71. | No. 63. 83. |
| A. 13. 78. | No. 68. 27 (part). |
| A. 14. 32. | No. 69. 13 (part), 17, 27 (part), 34 (part), 73 (part), 111. |
| A. 15. 36, 75, 105-7, 136-44. | No. 70. 13 (part), 34 (part), 73 (part). |
| A. 16. 45-50, 108. | No. 83. 89, 109. |
| A. 17. 88, 96, 99, 128. | No. 84. 115. |
| A. 1-5, 7, 8, 10-2, 14-6, 18-22, 24-6, 33, 35, 38, 74, 76-7, 86, 91, 102, 112, 117-8, 120, 122-3, 129, 132, 145, 149, 171. | No. 87. 79. |
| | No. 97. 28-9, 64, 92, 146. |
| | No. 98. 81-2, 152. |
| | No. 117. 80, 98, 153-6. |
| | No. 126. 87. |

I. NEW CLASSICAL FRAGMENTS

1. EPICHARMUS, *Γνώμαι*.

Mummy A.

16.9 x 14 cm.

Circa B.C. 280-240, PLATE I.

THIS is an introduction in trochaic tetrameters to a gnomic poem (l. 11), for which the authorship of Epicharmus is expressly claimed in l. 13. The *Γνώμαι* of Epicharmus were popular at an early period, and quotations from these gnomic verses are found in Xenophon (*Mem.* ii. 1. 20) and Aristotle (*Rhet.* ii. 21. 1394 b, 13). But there were doubts even in ancient times regarding their authenticity, and according to Philochorus the collection was the work of a certain Axiopistus; cf. Apollodorus, *ap. Athen.* xiv. 648 d Φιλόχορος δ' ἐν τοῖς Περὶ μαντικῆς Ἀξιόπιστον τὸν εἶτε Λοκρὸν γένος εἶτε Σικυώνιον τὸν Κανόνα καὶ τὰς Γνώμας πεποιηκέναι φησὶν. Following this criticism recent editors (Kaibel, *Com. Gr. Fr.* i. pp. 133 sqq., Diels, *Vorsokratiker*, pp. 91 sqq.) class this section of the fragments among the *ψευδεπιγράμματα*, although it is acknowledged to include some genuine elements. What Axiopistus seems to have done is to have edited in the poet's name a number of floating extracts from the comedies of Epicharmus, with additions from other sources; and the contents of our papyrus may be recognized as part of his preface to the work. Diels supposes that Axiopistus lived in the fourth century, perhaps in the circle of Heraclides Ponticus; the papyrus (provided that Philochorus was correct, and that Axiopistus was the author) shows that he must have lived at least as early as B.C. 300, since its own date cannot be later than about B.C. 250, and should probably be placed earlier in the reign of Philadelphus. It is written in finely formed upright uncials, and shows to the best advantage a common literary hand of this period. The τ with its broad and carefully finished crossbar is a noticeable feature.

In this, as in the other new classical fragments, many of the restorations of lacunae and suggestions in the commentary are due to Professor Blass.

- τειδ ενεστι πολλα και παν[τ]οια τοις χρησαιο κα
 ποτι φιλον ποτ εχθρον εν δικαι λεγων εν αλια
 ποτι πονηρον ποτι καλον τε καγαθον ποτι ξενον
 ποτι δυσηριν ποτι παροινον ποτι βαναυσον ειτε τις
 5 αλλ εχει κακον τι και τουτοισι κεντρα τειδ ενο
 εν δε και γνωμαι σοφαι τειδε αισιν ε[ι] πειθοιτο τις
 δεξιωτερος τε κ ειη βελτιων τ ες πα[ν]τ ανηρ
 [κο]υ τι πολλα δει λεγ[ε]ιν αλλ εμ μονον [τ]ουτων επος
 ποττοπραγμα ποτιφεροντα τωνδ αε[ι] το συμφερον
 10 αιτιαν γαρ ηχον ως αλλως μεν ειην [δ]εξις
 μακρολογος δ ου κα δυναιμαν εμ β[ρ]αχει γνωμα[ς] λεγ[ε]ιν
 ταυτα δη γων εισακουσας συντιθημι ταν τεχναν
 τανδ ο[π]ως ειπηι τι Επιχαρμος σοφος τις εγενετο
 [πολλ ος ει]π αστεια και παντοια καθ εν [επος] λεγων [
 15 [πειραν] αυταυτου διδους ως και β[ρ]αχ
 [.]ε μαθων απας ανηρ φαν[
 [.] ησει ποτ ουδεν επος απ[
 [.]οντα λυπησει τι τωνδ[
 [.]τρ[. .]α δρωντα τοισδ[
 20 [.]ορητε πολυμαθη[
 [.]ων[. .]ρτ[. .]ερω δε και τ[
 [.]ιτε τουτο γα κακα[. . .]χειν[
 [αλλος α]λλωι γαρ [γ]εγηθε κου τι ταυ[τ
 [.]ε παντα δει ταδ ως ε[
 25 [.]επειτα δ εν καιρω λε[γ
 [.]ειμα βραχυσοι[

1-13. 'Here are phrases many and various for you to use on friend or foe, when speaking in court or in the assembly, on a rascal, on a gentleman, on a stranger, a bully, a drunkard, or a boor, or if any one has other bad qualities for these too here are goads; here also are wise maxims, obedience to which will make a man cleverer and better in all things. A man has no need for many words, but only just one of these verses, bringing

to bear upon the matter in hand that verse which meets the case. For the reproach was made against me that, though I was clever in other ways, I was prolix and could not utter maxims tersely; so on hearing that I composed this work of art in order that men may say "Epicharmus was a wise man who put many witty sayings of every kind into single verses, giving proof of his talent for terse . . ."

4. εἰτέ: αἰτέ is the correct dialectical form.

5. ἐνό was a Doric and Aeolic form of ἔνεστι; cf. *Anecd. Ox.* i. 160. 26 ἐξδὲ ῥῆμα παρὰ Δωριεῦσιν ἀντὶ τοῦ ἔξεστιν, 176. 12 (ἐν) παρὰ τὴν Αἰολίδα καὶ Δωρίδα διάλεκτον ἐνὸ γίνεται, ὁπόταν καὶ ἀντὶ ῥήματος.

11. μακρολογος δ: sc. ὦν.

13. 1. τις for τι. Cf. Epich. *Fr.* 254 (Kaibel) τῶν ἐμῶν μνάμα ποκ' ἐσσεῖται λόγων τούτων ἔτι.

20. There would be room for a quite narrow letter like ι between]ορ and η.

22. An alteration has been made in this line, possibly by a second hand; the letters γα are much smaller than usual and ις of τουτοις are added above them. There are also traces of ink below υτ which may represent part of the original writing, and perhaps all the letters between]ιτ and κακα[are in an erasure.

23. [γ]εγηθε: the dialect requires γεγαθε.

2. EPICHARMUS (?), Γνῶμαι.

Mummy A.

Fr. (a) 9 × 9.2 cm.

Circa B.C. 280–240.

Four fragments from a trochaic poem, apparently of a gnomic character, and quite possibly coming from a later part of the work of which 1 is the preface. The MS. however is certainly not the same; the calligraphic hand is similar in some respects to that of 1, but the letters are larger and more widely spaced, and in some cases the formation is different. In the second column of Fr. (c), where the beginnings of a few lines are preserved, the verses are divided off by paragraphi, indicating that they were μονόστιχοι, each complete in itself. The only alternative would be to suppose that those lines were part of a dialogue, which is here much less probable. A curious approximation occurs in l. 6 to a verse attributed to Epicharmus by Stobaeus (Kaibel, Fr. 258) ὁ τρόπος ἀνθρώποισι δαίμων ἀγαθός, οἷς δὲ καὶ κακός. The papyrus has εὐτροπος ἀνθρωποισι δαιμων, apparently in the same position of the verse (cf. note *ad loc.*), but the letter following δαιμων is not α; probably, therefore, εὐτροπος is not a mistake and the line ended quite differently. This verbal coincidence is therefore an insufficient argument for assigning the fragments to the Γνῶμαι of Epicharmus; it is moreover to be observed that they fail to show the Doric dialect appropriate to that work (cf. l. 5 ἀηδης, l. 8 ἐξηπατηκεν). The

objection, however, is inconclusive, for dialect is frequently obscured (cf. notes on 1. 4 and 23); and, apart from Epicharmus, we are at a loss for an author of γνῶμαι μονόστιχοι in trochaic tetrameters. On the verso are the remains of a cursive document.

Fr. (a).

.
]στι προς το[
]ωδυστει[. . .]ι[
] εστι χρηστ[.] . [.]εϋ[
] ενικαλυπτεται το φανλον [
 5] εις το συντυχειν αηδης εστινο[
] ευτροπος ανθρωποισι δαιμων π[
] . οι και ορθως βραβευσαι διανε[
] . νουξ εξηπατηκεν αδικος οι[
] . . εσις πονηρα περι πονηρω[ν
 10] . . [.] . . [.]νις ετι ν[.] . . [.]π . [.
] . π[ο]νηρ ανδ[

Fr. (b).

.
]νλα[
] . επ[ι[
] θεραπ[
 15] νοστην[
] ιδεσενπ[
] . εξ στι[
 . . .

Fr. (c). Col. i.

.
]ην
]ος
 20]ν
]

Col. ii.

.
 σπ[
 ου[
 φα[
 σφ[
 25 εα[

Fr. (d).

.
 26] αυτωι π[
]οις φανλ[
]πι[

4-6. The three initial epsilons are in a vertical straight line, and it therefore seems practically certain that they are the first letters of the verses; for although, so far as the metre goes, the first foot in each might be the third of the verse, it is most unlikely that the two preceding feet would have occupied exactly the same space in three consecutive lines. Of the first ε of *ενικαλυπτεται* only a small speck of the base remains, but this suits ε; the letter following appears to be ν, not π. The cyclic dactyl at the beginning of l. 6 is very unusual.

3. SOPHOCLES, *Tyro* (?).

Mummy A. Fr. (c) 9.9 × 11.4 cm. Circa B.C. 280–240. PLATE II (Frs. δ and f).

A number of fragments containing tragic iambics, but in very bad condition. This is largely due to the fact that the breast-piece from which they are derived, instead of being left in a solid sheet, was, according to a not uncommon fashion, cut into an open-work pattern, causing large gaps, and rendering the remainder much more fragile than it would otherwise have been. The pattern has assisted us in assigning their position to a few of the pieces, but the others remain unplaced and the total result is disappointing. This is the more regrettable since it appears not improbable that, as Prof. Blass has suggested, the play in question is the *Tyro* of Sophocles. Tyro was the mother of twin sons, Pelias and Neleus, by Poseidon, and was persecuted by her step-mother Sidero, who was eventually killed by Pelias. In l. 39 of the new fragments there is a mention of the river Alpheus, which is in keeping with the fact that the adoptive country of Tyro's father, Salmoneus, was Elis. Indeed, Elis may well have been the scene of one of the two dramas written by Sophocles on the subject of Tyro. The extant fragments from the two plays amount only to twenty-seven lines, so that the absence of a verbal coincidence with our bare sixty is not at all remarkable. But allusions to the same circumstances are perhaps to be recognized. There is more than one reference in the papyrus to bad dreams, e.g. l. 37 [φο]βος τις αὐτὴν δειματὶ ἐννυχόμ' πλαναί; cf. l. 9. It is remarkable that in the extant fragments similar references are found:—Fr. 580 προστῆναι μέσσην τράπεζαν ἀμφὶ σῖτα καὶ καρχῆσια, where the subject (according to Athenaeus) was τοὺς δράκοντας, and a dream is apparently meant; cf. Fr. 581 πόλλ' ἐν κακοῖσι θυμὸς εὐνηθεὶς ὄρεται, and Fr. 584 τίκτουσι γάρ τοι καὶ νόσους δυσθυμίας. A still stronger argument for the identification proposed is supplied by ll. 52–3 . . . ας (?) ἀρωγον πατέρα λισσομαι μολειν? ἀνακτα ποντον μητρι. This prayer is entirely appropriate in the mouth of one of the sons of Tyro, and, if ἀνακτα is right, must be addressed to Poseidon. Moreover it is just possible, though very hazardous (see note *ad loc.*), to read the mutilated word before ἀρωγον as [Πελ]ias, which would of course be decisive. But even if that supplement be not adopted, the case for the *Tyro* may be considered fairly strong. A consideration of the style and diction does not materially assist in forming a conclusion, but they are at least consistent with a Sophoclean authorship.

The text is written in a small and not very clear hand, the decipherment of which is rendered difficult by a coat of plaster and brown stains. A peculiar

feature is the occasional indentation of the lines, apparently to indicate alternations in the dialogue (cf. l. 23, note). This expedient is sometimes employed in papyri to distinguish quotations (e.g. P. Oxy. 200) or fresh sections (P. Oxy. 665), but we are not aware of another instance of its use for dramatic purposes.

Frs. (a), (b), and (c).

Col. i.

Fr. (a).

ισ]τορεις

]ε χρωμ απαν

]

about 4 lines lost.

Fr. (b).

]ξωσαν[

δ]ειμα νυκτερος

10

]μεν ουδ αν εις ελθοι πελας

] . υστου δεμας

] . υ ποτμος

]

Fr. (c)

]πων

15

] παθος

]μμενον

] π[ο]ρσυνω

Frs. (a) and (c).

Col. ii.

[14 letters]του χαριν φοβουμ[ε]ν . [

[.]λλοις ους εν[. .] τεταγμ[ε]να

20 αποιν εξαμ μη βρα[. . . .] . πες λογοις

οραις γ αρα ω δεσπο[ινα] . ματα

στειχειν οτρυνε[15 letters .]

.]ρει θυρωνος ει[.]τ[17 " .]

αμφοιν ακουσαι τα[.]ενσ[

25 την εντος οικων τ[.]σκ[.]

ευνους δε και τασδ εισοραις πεν[θητρι]ας

ορω τ[.]δα μητε πηματι
 μη[τ]υσουσαν αλγεινων πα[
 [18 letters]ν αμ μονον λε[
 30 [17 „]ν τε και κακοι[
 καιν . [.] . ονωσ τοσον [
 ει και θανειν χρη πρωτον εκπρα[ξ
 [.] . αιου[.]ντ αυτον ευ φερων[
 [.]μεμ μη κενου χ[

Fr. (d).

Col. i.

.
 35 [.]ρ . γδ[
 [.] . ωσ χαριζει της π[.] . . [
 [φο]βος τις αυτην δειμα τ εννυχον πλαναι
 [.] . υσ εν τωιδε κοινωνει ταδε
 [.] καλ]λιρουν επ Αλφειου πορον
 40 [24 letters] . . γανος

Col. ii.

.
 λιαγ γαρ ησ . [
 / αλλ εκ κακων εν[
 αλλ ω τεκνον [.]μ . [
 κουφως φερειν εγωιδ[επ[
 45 [.] η δεσπο[

Fr. (e).

.
] . ικ[
] κακαι συ γνησι[
] αγαν οδυρμα[
]θων τρυχει τ[
 50 [. οτ[.] . . . [

Fr. (f).
 [.] . . ωσιν αι μετοι[
 [. . .] . ας αρωγον πατερα λισσομα[ι μολειν
 [αν]ακτα ποντου μητρι της τειλ[
 [. .] . ντα παιδας ειπερ [.]χ[

 Fr. (g).
 55 . [.] ανετος ουκ ενεσ[
 τι δεσ[.]υνα . ετ ενδει σε κυρι . . [
 ελικτο[.] . . [.] τρυχος [
 νεα προσ . [
 ετ . . . [

1 sqq. The position of Frs. (a) and (δ), which contain ll. 1-2 and 8-12, is suggested by the appearance of the papyrus, but is not at all secure. Fr. (a) also contains the first five letters of l. 20, which do not fit the context there particularly well; neither is it certain that l. 1 is the first of the column. In Fr. (δ) (ll. 8-12) there is a junction of two sheets of papyrus. Hence, if this fragment is rightly placed here, the first column of Fr. (d) and Frs. (f) and (g), which show no similar junction, cannot be referred to the same column. A junction occurs in the second column of Fr. (d) just before it breaks off, but this comes earlier in the verse than is the case in ll. 8-12.

20. Cf. the previous note.

23. This line will be metrical if it is supposed to have projected slightly to the left, as is the case with ll. 26 and 41. The purpose was probably to indicate a change of speaker; cf. ll. 26-7, which are evidently a question and answer. The syllable *ev* in l. 26 is indeed written rather below the level of the rest of the line, and may have been added later; but since the hand is identical, and other lengthened lines occur, it is unlikely that this is merely a case of accidental omission.

26. *πεν[θητρι]ας* (cf. Eurip. *Hippol.* 805) refers to the Chorus; the supplement is a trifle long for the space, but is just possible.

33. There is a gap in the papyrus before this line, which may therefore have had two or three more letters at the beginning than we have supposed; cf. l. 23, note.

44. The *ι* of *εγωιδ* is very doubtful; there may be nothing between the *ω* and *δ*. For *κουφως φερειν* cf. e.g. Eurip. *Med.* 1018 *κούφως φέρειν χρεή θνητὸν ὄντα συμφοράς*.

48. Perhaps *των* or *τοις* *αγαν* *οδυρμα[των* or *-σιν*. This fragment probably gives the latter halves of the lines.

52. Apart from any context the traces on the papyrus before *αρωγον* would most suitably represent a rather wide *ω*. But *ω* is excessively awkward at this point, and we accordingly prefer the possible though not very satisfactory alternative *as*, preceded by a letter which conceivably might be an *ι*, though if so the three letters were crowded together in an unusual manner. Blass's ingenious suggestion [*Πελ*]*ας* may, therefore, just be read, and it admirably fits both lacuna and context. The palaeographical difficulty, however, has made us hesitate to introduce it in the text.

54. The first word is probably a participle.

56. The first letter after the lacuna is really more like ω than ν , but if these verses are iambs the second foot of l. 56 must be a tribrach.

57. The ϵ at the beginning of the verse projects slightly beyond the lines above and below, and a narrow letter might be lost in a hole in the papyrus before ϵ . So perhaps this line should be classed with l. 23, &c. (cf. note *ad loc.*). [Π] ϵ λ ι α ς does not seem a possible reading.

4. EURIPIDES, *Oeneus* (?).

Mummy A. Fr. (a) 6 \times 11.11 cm. Circa B.C. 300–280. PLATE I (Frs. a and c).

The very archaic and delicate handwriting of these fragments of tragedy is obviously the same as that of the three small pieces previously published by us in P. Grenf. II. 1 (cf. the facsimiles), and there can be no doubt that they are all derived from a single MS.; cf. p. 5. Concerning the identity of the author there was previously no evidence, but a clue is now provided by the occurrence at l. 5 of the words $\alpha\delta]\epsilon\lambda\phi[\omega]\iota$ $\text{Με}\lambda[\epsilon]\alpha\gamma\rho\omega\iota$, which suggest that the drama may be the *Meleager* or the *Oeneus* of Euripides. The context makes the latter the more probable. The verses in Fr. (a), Col. i. (ll. 1–9; cf. Blass's reconstruction in the note *ad loc.*) would suitably form part of a speech by Diomedes, who after the successful expedition of the Epigoni against Thebes went to Aetolia to avenge Oeneus, his grandfather. Oeneus was the king of Calydon, and had been dispossessed by his nephews, the sons of Agrius; Diomedes killed the usurpers and restored Oeneus (cf. the $\iota\pi\acute{o}\theta\epsilon\iota\varsigma$ in Schol. *ad* Aristoph. *Acharn.* 418). Meleager, the uncle of Diomedes, is assumed by the speaker in ll. 5 sqq. to be dead, but his grave is to be honoured by some of the spoils from Thebes. A certain similarity in sense may further be detected, as Blass suggests, between ll. 22 sqq. and *Oeneus* Fr. 569 (Nauck), quoted in the note *ad loc.* The suggestion of O. Rossbach (*Berl. Phil. Woch.* 1899, p. 1630) that the fragments published in 1897 came from the *Chryses* of Sophocles is not to be reconciled with the new evidence.

This papyrus along with 6 and 9, the Petrie fragment of the *Adventures of Heracles* (P. Petrie II. 49 (f); cf. I. p. 65), and the Timotheus papyrus are the oldest specimens of Greek literary writing that have been recovered. There seem to be no sufficient grounds for assigning the Timotheus to an appreciably more remote period than the rest. The archaeological evidence is inconclusive, and if the archaic appearance of the letters is more striking than in other cases, that is to no small extent due to their size and comparative coarseness. The argument from single characters is no doubt precarious; but the forms of Ξ

in 4 and Ω in 6 and 9 are more distinctly epigraphic than in the Timotheus papyrus. We should therefore include it in the group named, and refer all five papyri approximately to the reign of Soter (B. C. 305-284). The other literary pieces in this volume most probably belong, like the dated documents found with them, to the reign of Philadelphus (B. C. 284-246), or to the earlier years of the reign of Euergetes I (B. C. 246-221), mainly to the former.

For convenience of reference we add a revised text of the fragments published in 1897.

Fr. (a). Col. i.

σι]δηρον μ . [.]τες φορῶν
]ν ανεξον[.] . [. .]ει
]ς γαρ των ε[μ]ων λογων εχεις
]ει πραξιν [ο]ρμησω ποδι
 5 αδ]ελφ[ω]ι Μελ[ε]αγρωι δ[ωρ]ηματα
]αι και αποπληρωθη ταφος
]νων τωγ κεκαλλιστευμ[ενω]ν
]εινοις ανδρασιν [.]
]τ[

Col. ii.

10 τι ποτ αρ ακουσαι προ[
 ως εκπεπλη[γμ
 ειεν τιν[
 οσον ταχος κ[
 φε[. .]νε[
 15 [.]
 τινα . [.]

Fr. (b).

αθωιος ων . [.]π[
 ου μανθανω σου τ[ο]ν λογο[ν
 αλλ ως συνησεις ραιδιως εγω φ[ρα]σω
 20 επει γαρ ηλ[.]φ[
 ευχη προχ[

Fr. (c).

δυ]σπραξιας
]ν τλημονων βροτω[ν
]ν τεθνηκο[τ]α
 25]ων ζωντων φιλαν
 ε]νους εμοι
] μ[ο]ι πληρης δε οταν

Fr. (d).

[ο]πως [γ]ενητ[αι
 τυχηι δ αγων[
 ωσπερ τυρ[α]νν[
 35 χορου μ[ια
 οσον ταραγμ[ο]ν [.]
 ψυχαισιν εμ[

]μονης
] κακοις
 30 φα]ος βλεπει
]ος

Fr. (e).

]ια[.]απ . [
]εσ·
 45]εται χρονοις
]ς γεγως
 ^γ
 τ]υχανει
]ταισιινου[

Fr. (g)=P. Grenf. II. 1 (a). 1.

]αγοντα γαρ [
]γλ[.] . ιν σε μαντε[
 55 α]νδρες ω φρενοβλαβεις
 φθ]ειρουσιν ως κακομ με[γα
] εμπολωσιν ηδονης
]ι προς σε δεξιας χερος
] . [.] . [

Fr. (i)=P. Grenf. II. 1 (b).

Col. i.

]σε
]ι κλυων
 65 με]γα σθενει
]λε

εγω γαν[. . .]ο . [
 στ . . γε . [
 40 τις εστι θ[
 [ο]χλει . [
 [. .]οσθυ[

Fr. (f).

]ν[.] . [
 50]ησση . [
 β]ουλομ[
] . [.] υ[

Fr. (h)=P. Grenf. II. 1 (a). 2.

60]μετλημ[
]ημελ[
]γα[

Col. ii.

 κα[

| | |
|---------------|--------|
|]ε | ν . [|
|]λεται | 75 74[|
|] | [|
| 70 ανα]κτορον | ε . [|
|]ομην | τιν[|
|] . μ . [| . . . |

1-2. The reference is probably to the capture of Thebes.

3-8. Blass proposes the following restoration of these lines:

[νῦν οὖν, τέλος]s γὰρ τῶν ἐμῶν λόγων ἔχεις,
 [ἐφ' ἣν προσήκ]ει πράξω ὁρμήσω ποδί,
 [ὡς παρὰδ]έλφω Μελεάγρῳ δ[ωρ]ήματα
 [φθιτῶ] προθῶμ[αι, κάποπληρωθῇ τάφος
 [πάντων ἐκε]ῖνων τῶν κεκαλλιστευμένων
 [ἀ τοῖσι κλ]εινοῖς ἀνδράσιν [νέμ]αι πρέπει.

For δ[ωρ]ήματα cf. *Orest.* 123 νερέτερον δωρήματα, and for κεκαλλιστευμένων in the middle voice see *Med.* 947 δῶρ' ἀ καλλιστεύεται τῶν νῦν ἐν ἀνθρώποισιν. ἀδελφοῦ Μελεάγρον occurs in the same position of the verse in *Suppl.* 904.

10. Perhaps προ[σδεχόμεθ', with ἐκπεπλή[γμεθ' in the next line.

15. The marks in the margin, two horizontal strokes and a comma-shaped sign below, perhaps indicate the close of a scene; cf. l. 35.

16. This line is on a small detached strip; its position here is only suggested by the appearance of the papyrus and is not at all certain.

21. This line was the last of the column.

22 sqq. The speaker is probably Oeneus and the sense of the passage seems to have been similar to that in *Oeneus* Fr. 569 (Nauck):

ΔΙ. σὺ δ' ὦδ' ἐρῆμος ξυμμάχων ἀπολλυσαι;

ΟΙ. οἱ μὲν γὰρ οὐκέτ' εἰσίν, οἱ δ' ὄντες κακοί.

l. 22 is perhaps the first of a column; ll. 1, 10, 32, and 60 certainly are so.

35. The letters of this heading, no doubt a stage-direction, are rather spaced out. If μ[ια] is right the play had a female Chorus.

5. PHILEMON (?).

Mummy A. Fr. (a) 10.4 × 24.5 cm. Circa B.C. 280-240. PLATE III (Fr. a, Cols. ii-iii).

It has been the subject of much speculation upon what Greek original the *Aulularia* of Plautus was based. Plays of Poseidippus and, of course, Menander have been suggested, but with little plausibility, and the general verdict has been that of not proven. Happily a small portion of the original comedy now appears to have come to light in the fragments below, which belong to the same

MS. as P. Grenf. II. 8 (b), and the author of which Blass has identified with great probability as Philemon. This identification rests upon the occurrence at l. 28 of the name Κροίσωι in the same position of the verse as in a quotation from Philemon in Eustath. *ad Hom.* p. 1701. ὁ τὰ Ταυτάλου τάλαντα, ἐπεὶ πλούσιός ποτε ἦν, ὡς δηλοῖ, φασί, Φιλήμων εἰπών· Κροίσῳ λαλῶ σοι καὶ Μίδα καὶ Ταυτάλῳ (Kock, Fr. 189). This argument is really stronger than it may seem at first sight to be: for there is apparently no other reference to Croesus in the extant remains of Attic comedy. Moreover the line fits in well with the supposed situation, the key to which is provided by the name Strobilus in ll. 20-1. In the *Aulularia* Strobilus is the slave who discovers and carries off the treasure concealed by the old miser Euclio, and so brings about the desired union of his master Lyconides with Euclio's daughter. We suppose that the discovery has just preceded the scene disclosed in ll. 13 sqq. of the papyrus. The slave Strobilus (l. 21 παι . . . Στ(ρ)οβιλε) is almost beside himself with delight (ll. 15-19, 22), and is anxious to get away with the utmost speed (ll. 13-14); while the interlocutor, who arrives on the scene and is presumably his master, is astonished at Strobilus' behaviour (l. 15), and thinks that he must have gone mad (l. 21 παι δυστυχες). This interpretation is strengthened by some other coincidences. An echo of the line Κροίσῳ λαλῶ σοι κ.τ.λ. may be recognized, as Blass points out, in *Aul.* 702-4 *istos reges ceteros Memorare nolo, hominum mendicabula. Ego sum ille rex Philippus.* L. 58 εφ'ὅς πα[τηρ] (?) suggests *Aul.* 781 *filiam ex te tu habes.* Further, the fragments published in our *Greek Papyri* II. 8 (b), of which we append a revised text, undoubtedly belong to the same MS., and there too, in spite of much obscurity, are phrases which harmonize with the plot of the *Aulularia*. The anxiety of Lyconides to marry Euclio's daughter is aptly expressed in l. 77 εἰ δυνατόν ἐστι τῆς κορῆς αὐτῷ τυχεῖν, and τεκεῖν two lines above is quite in keeping with the situation in the Plautine play (cf. *Aul.* 691 sqq., &c.). Lines 79-80 εὐρον οικίαν ἀδύνατον ἦν (to enter?) may well refer to the house of the miser Euclio, which he kept carefully shut up; cf. *Aul.* 98-9 *Profecto in aedis meas me absente neminem Volo intromitti*, and 274 *aedis occlude*. The mention of a nomarch (l. 81), who was an Egyptian but not an Athenian official, suggests that the scene was laid at Alexandria, where Philemon is thought to have spent some time on the invitation of Ptolemy Soter; cf. Alciph'r. *Epist.* ii. 3-4. If so, Plautus did not here follow his original, for the scene of the *Aulularia* is certainly Athens; cf. l. 810.

The text is written in a good-sized cursive hand which is not easy to read where the letters are incomplete; it may date from the reign of either Philadelphus or Euergetes. Alternations of the dialogue are marked by paragraphi, and where a line is divided between two speakers the point of division is marked

by a short blank space. On the verso of Fr. (a) are three lines in a different hand giving explanation of words:

οζος Αρηες [.] . . [.] . . σ . . [
 λαμπρος τα πολεμ[ι]κ[α] πε
 ζενει βαινει.

At some distance to the right of this are the beginnings of lines of another column in the same hand, and perhaps of the same character.

Fr. (a). Col. i.

]τεσ εδ .
]δωσω
] . υμιν ει
] . τι ταχα
 5]ς καλα
]λεγαι τινα
]
] την οδον
]μαι χαιρειν βοαν
 10] μοι ποιει
]τυχηματων
]πο[.]ν . . ς
]

Col. ii.

νο[μι]ζε αλι τρεχειν Ολυμπια
 εαν διαφυγ[η]ς ευτυχης ανθρωπος ει
 15 ω Ηρακλεις τι ποτ ε[σ]τι το γεγεννημενον
 νυν οιδ ακριβως διοτι της οικουμενης
 ιερα σαφως αυτη στιν η χωρα μονη
 κανθαδε κατ[ο]ικησασι παντες οι θεοι
 και νυν ετ εισι και γεγονασιν ενθαδε
 20 Στροβιλε Απολλον και θεοι του πνευματος
 παι δυστυχες Στοβιλε τις κεκ[λη]κε μ[ε]
 εγω συ δ ει τι ω κρατιστε των θ[εω]ν
 ως εις καλ[ον] σ[ε] φορα[κ]α τις [.] . . [.]
 σωσ[.]] . ε . [
 25 μ[
 ουδ[
 μ[

Col. iii.

Κροισ[ω]ι λαλω σοι και Μιδαι και Τανταλωι
 οξ[ε]
 30 αυτ[
 τοτ[
 τ . [
 . [
 περαιν[ε]

35 εμοι δ[
· [

Fr. (b). Col. i.

Col. ii.

· · · · ·
[· ·] · μωνο[
· · · [·]μαχα[
40 ω φιλτατ
ποεις δικ · · [
ουθεν τοιου[τ
· · υν δε τις μ[
[κ]αυτος · · βε · [
45 [· ·]δ ε[σ]τιν · ε · [

Fr. (c). Col. i.

Col. ii.

· · · · ·
[· ·] · [·] · · [·]
] · · πισα 55 εγω γαρ [·
ε]στι μοι απο[
]ος καγω τι σοι συν · [·
] · ωνα προς [θ]εων εφυσ πα[
50]μμεν ανθρωπων απα · · · · [·
] · φ[·]σ · · · εν · [· · · · ·
] τροφιμων [· · · · ·
] · αν · [·]ων
· · · · ·

Fr. (d).

Fr. (e).

Fr. (f).

· · · · ·
60]τω[66]ωνα · [70] · α · [·
] · πορ[ωναελ[]ατω[
]λειστ[]ι τις ημων δ[]ν παν[· ·]δ[
]ασασα[]ον ημας πλα · [επι]τεθυμηκεν εω[
]ισεμ[· · · · ·] · [· · ·]ονε · [·
65 γ]υμνον · · · · ·

Fr. (g) = P. Grenf. II. 8 (b).

Col. i.

75 [.]λατης με . . [.] παντα μετε τεκειν
 σκοπειν προσιεναι πασι πε . λη ε . .
 ει δυνατον εστι της κορης αυτωι τυχειν
 οτι της ανοιας μεστος ην τη ν
 εποιησα α μοι προσεταττεν ευρον οικιαν
 80 αδυνατον ην [. . .
 αυτην νομαρχ[
 εν ζηλοτυπι[αι
 τη . [

Col. ii.

απα[
 85 αυτ[
 προστ[
 . α . . [

Fr. (h) = P. Grenf. II. 8 (b).

90 ε]νθους συλλαβης μιας τι πυρ
] . ονοματι τουτο πυρ ακηκοα
]πε νικαις αγαθος ει[ς] την Ελλαδα
 ε]υλογησαι πα . . αυσεδεν . . [
] . ε μικρους φο . . ρ εφοδι[
]ναλλεδ . αυ . ποτεν[

13-23. 'Strobilus. Imagine that you are running . . . at Olympia! If you make your escape you are a lucky fellow! *Lyconides*. O Heracles, what ever can have happened? *Strob.* Now I know certainly that of all the world this spot alone is clearly sacred, and here all the gods have made their home and still are, and here have they been born. *Lyc.* Strobilus! *Strob.* Apollo and the gods, what breath! *Lyc.* You miserable slave, Strobilus! *Strob.* Who called me? *Lyc.* I. *Strob.* And who are you, most mighty of the Gods? *Lyc.* How fortunately I have seen you.'

13-4. αλι . . . suggests αλ(ε)ιπτον, which is palaeographically possible, but would occupy all the space before τρεχειν and so leave a syllable missing. Perhaps <δη> has dropped out; but with the reading so uncertain this can hardly be considered a satisfactory hypothesis. Strobilus is apostrophizing himself.

18. κατοικησασι without τοις is unsatisfactory. I. κατοικηκασι.

20. πνευματος may refer either to the loudness of Lyconides' shout, or, as Dr. Mahaffy suggests, to the supposed effluence of an approaching god; cf. e.g. Eur. *Hippol.* 1392 δ θεϊον ὀδμῆς πνεῦμα.

21. I. Στροβιλε.

22. των θεων: Strobilus keeps up the idea of ll. 16 sqq., and affects to think that his master is a divine apparition.

23. The restoration is due to Prof. Leo,—who does not accept the attribution of these fragments to Philemon or their supposed connexion with the *Aulularia*.

50. The second *a* of *απα* is below the *ε* of *εφvs* in l. 58, and it is doubtful to which column the letter belongs. There would be room for a very small *o* between the *π* and *a*, so that the line might be made to end with *απο*. But since the *π* is of the usual size, it is more probable that the *a* belongs to *απ* (e.g. *απαν* or *απαξ*), and that the corresponding line in the next column was begun further to the right.

59. The doubtful *a* at the end of l. 55 may belong to this line; cf. the previous note.

65. This was the last line of a column.

68-9. There are about $1\frac{1}{2}$ cm. of papyrus to the left of] *ι τις* and] *ον*, but the surface, though stained, appears to have been never written upon. Probably, therefore, it was covered by another sheet which was joined on at this point.

75 sqq. The identity of the speakers here is not very clear. Strobilus is probably one of them, and *προσεταττειν* in l. 79 indicates that the speaker there at least is a slave; but ll. 75-8 would also be appropriate to Strobilus. With *σκοπειν* cf. *Aul.* 605 *Is speculatum huc misit me*. The first two letters of l. 75 are very doubtful; [*κ*] *ακ* or [*τ*] *αις της* is not impossible. In l. 76 the word after *πασι* (?) may perhaps be *πεπληρωται*.

78. The *ν* appears to be the end of the line, but this is hardly certain.

79. *o* of *μοι* has been rewritten.

88-9. There are short spaces between *μιας*, *τι*, and *πυρ* in l. 88 and *ονοματι*, *τουτο*, *πυρ*, and *ακηκοα* in l. 89, like those which in ll. 20-3 indicate a change of speaker.

90. There is a hole in the papyrus as well as a space between *ει* and *την*, so *ει[s]* may well be read; but cf. the previous note.

93. The first *a* has been corrected from *ε* or vice versa. The reading *Ελλαδ[.]* given in P. Grenf. is unsatisfactory, the letter before *δ* being more like *ε* than *a*.

6. COMEDY.

Mummy A. 10. Height 12.7 cm. Circa B.C. 300-280. PLATE IV (Fr. *a*, Cols. i-iii).

The style of these mutilated remains of a comedy suggests Menander or some contemporary dramatist, but in spite of their considerable extent both author and play remain unidentified. Apparently no coincidence with extant fragments occurs, and other clues are not forthcoming. The proper names *Νουμήνιος* (l. 7) and *Σώστρατος* (? l. 122) give no assistance; *Δημέας* (l. 40) was one of the characters of Menander's *Δις ἑξαπατῶν* (Kock, Fr. 123), but that play is supposed to have been the original of Plautus' *Bacchides* (Ritschl, *Parerg.* 405), with which, so far as can be seen, these fragments have nothing in common. A more positive idea of the plot is however difficult to obtain. Apart from the characters mentioned above there are a master and a slave (ll. 5-8), the former of whom seems to take part in the dialogue throughout Fr. (*a*), Cols. ii-iii; he had a wife (l. 32), and was about to dispatch some friends on a journey, for

which preparations were to be made (ll. 33 sqq.). A child and an old woman, perhaps a nurse, figure rather prominently (ll. 20, 43, 46, 52, 59).

The principal fragment, (a), contains parts of four consecutive columns, but the first of these contains mere vestiges and of the last only the beginnings of the lines are preserved. There is no indication of the relation of this piece to Fr. (b), comprising two very imperfect columns; and a large number of smaller pieces have resisted repeated attempts at combination. The text is written in short columns in a medium-sized, rather heavy uncial hand of a most archaic type. The regular capital shape of Ω and the square E are especially noticeable; and though these forms are here accompanied by a round sigma this papyrus must claim to be ranked among the earliest specimens of the Greek literary script; cf. introd. to 4. Alternations of the dialogue are marked by paragraphi, and double dots are also inserted when a line is divided between two speakers. One or two corrections have been made by the original scribe.

Fr. (a).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

σ

τι γαρ πλεον το[δ ε]ψοφηκεν η θυρα
 5 εξερχεται τις την [σ]πυριδα ταυτην εν [ηι]
 εντανθα τους αρτους εκομισας αποφερε
 [αποδ]ος τε τωι χρησαντι τωι Νουμνιω[ι]
 [. . .] δε τα . . ωι δειρ αναστρεψας παλιν
 [. . .] τι λεγετε : τι δ αν εχοιμεν αλλο πλην
 10 [. . . .] επ . . .]μεν αποτρεχειν ταυτας με δει
 [. . .]ατα . [. . . .]μωμ μεν ουθεγ κωλυει
 ου το[ι] δ ετ ο[ι]δα πω[s] δυνησεται απιεναι
 πως [. . .] α[π]ηλθεν : η[. . .]ς επισχετε
 ω ταν [. . .] . νω λα . ειν [τα]υτην εγω
 15 πρωτ[ον] εκ πολεμωμ φευγετε
]ρ το δη[.]α : ταυτα πρατθ ατ . δε[. . .]
] ουκ εστι]λως : ειτα πως αυ[. . .] [. . .]αι
 3]αι τυχο[ν]ς δ ουτι ληψομ αν . [. . .]μι
 [15 letters]ρ δε[ε]υρ αυτην α[. . .]
 20 [14 „] . [. . .] γραυν : την τημερον

[14 „] . σμε . [.] κί[.] ημεραν
 . . [11 „] . ιπα . ξ . επο[ο]νμεν αν
 . ο[12 „] . ν . . α της τημερον

Col. iii.

εις αυριον δ ηδη πολεμιος γινομαι
^{νη}
 25 [γ]ενοιτο δ ειρη ποτ ω Ζευ δεσποτα
 [δι]αλυσις . [. .] . [. . .] . [. . .] ε πραγματων
 η γαρ : νομιζεις [. . .] λισ[. . .] υλαι
 πρεσβεις [. .] σα[. .] λου[.] πεμπομεν
 τα τριμε . [.] . . . ησε . . . [.]
 30 το χρυσιον δε [λ]αμβανε : ου τ . [.]
 εμοι γε : αριθησον εν τοσουτ[ωι δ εισ]ων
 προς τηγ γυναικα βουλομ ειπαι [τ]ην εμην
 εις την οδον γ ετ αυτα ταναγκαι οπως
 υμμ παρ[οντ]ων ενδοθεν συνσκ[ε]υαση
 35 εχομεν απαντα : Απολλον ως αγροικος ει
 συσκευα[σ]ατω περαινε πανομαι λεγων
 νη την Αθην[η]γ και θεους αγωνιω
 ουκ οι[δ] ο]πως [νυ]ν αυτος επι τωι πραγματι
 Ελλη[ν] . .] βε . [. .] φαινεται τις τους τροπους
 40 ο Δημεα[s α]ν[θρω]πος αλλα τηι τυχηι
 ουθεν δια[φερειν] φαινε[θ] ομ π[ο]ει κακως
 γυναι τι βουλ[ει . . .] εμβ[.] ητα γε
 νυμ πρωτο[ν] ρικ[.] παιδιον
 κλαεις περ[. .] λ[. .] υσ[. .] τ[.] π[ο]ιεισαι
 45 εξω φερετ[ε] αυτο δεν[ρο μοι πι] τας θυρας
 τον ημετε[ρομ] μεμ πα . [.] ου γραυς εχει

Col. iv.

κακ[
 μη τα . [.
 ιδου σκρ[.] . [:
 50 χρηστων υ[
 επειτα τημ μεν [
 η γραυς δ εκομι[ζε
 60 και προς σεαυτ[
 εγω φρασω σοι . [

τις ληψεθ [. . .]ω[
το παιδ[ιον δ]η : [
εμομ . . [
ουκ οιδ[. . .]ρ[
 55 τι χρη ποειν α . [
αυτος δ υπ ουθε[νός
λαβηις προελθω[ν

σ[ω]τηριαν [
 . [.] . ι μη τι . [
 ωμοι ο[.]ε . [
 65 η[
 τ[
 η[
 τ[

Fr. (b).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

]μβολας
 70]δια
]ν
] . ομεν
]ει
] .
 75]ετω
] . εκα
]
]ι τι συ
]κε με[.]
 80]
]ον
 . . .

ημα[ν . . .] . [.]ο[
 ω Ηρ[ακλε]ις ω Ζ[ευ
 ο τοτ[ε α]μφιμ[
 85 ελεγομ] παλα[ι
 και της [δ]ικης τ . [
 αυτος γαρ ημιν . εν . [
εδικαζ[ε] τ αυ με ονητ[
 τουτ εσ[τι]ωι παλ[
 90 . . . εσμ[. . . .]ιλωντα[
 τουτ εσ[τι . . .]β ηττον[
δακνοντ[. . .] . . κα . [
 και τα . [. . . .]ελοντα[
 ουτος σα[.]ωσε . [
 95 επι στρατοπε[δ . .]π[
 συναρπ[α]σομ[ε . .] . ο . [
 τι λεγ[ον]τες ου[. . .]π[
 ουχ ομ[ολ]ογη[σ
 το π[ραγ]μα τ[
 100 ουκ[. . .] . . ο . [
 ω Η[ρακλ]εις . [
 . . ι . ατα[

Fr. (c).

]ν
]νη

Fr. (d).

106 . .] . φ . . [
]ωτελ[

The ο which is written rather large and some little way above this line is possibly a numeral referring to the number of the column. The margin above the other columns is imperfectly preserved.

8. τα . . ωι : perhaps another proper name, e. g. Ταυρωι ; but the letters between α and ω are so blurred and rubbed that they can no longer be identified.

9. [. . .] τι λεγετε is apparently addressed to the new arrivals referred to in ll. 4-5 ; ? [εμοι] τι.

12-23. Cf. note on ll. 1-3.

12. ο[ι]δα πω[ς] : the supposed π may be μ, but there is not room for ο[υ]δαμως.

14. Either λαθειν or λαθειν might be read.

15. Blass suggests μεν ωσπερ for the lacuna.

16. If πραθ is right α is very likely the relative α. γ might be read in place of τ, but the θ seems certain. The letter following α must apparently be τ, υ, or ψ, and the doubtful δ is possibly λ.

17. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish α from δ in this MS., but even if δυ were read after πως the other vestiges do not suit δυνησομαι.

27. The lower of the two dots after γαρ though very indistinct is fairly secure. There is no example in the papyrus of the use of a single point.

31. 1. αριθμουν. Possibly the missing μ was inserted above the line (cf. l. 25) ; the papyrus is much rubbed at this point, and if a correction had been made it would hardly be visible.

33. γ(ε) : or perhaps τ(ε), the sentence being interrupted by l. 35.

34. παρ[οντ]ων, 'from her stores' ; cf. the Homeric phrase χαριζομένη παρεόντων.

39. ρα might be read in place of βε, but βα seems impossible, otherwise [βε]βαι[ως], as Blass suggests, would be attractive. For Ελλην cf. P. Oxy. 211. 33 (Menander, Περικειρομένη τεκμήριον τοῦτ' ἔστιν Ἕλληνας τρόπου).

44-6. A small fragment, which we have after some hesitation assigned to the bottom of this column, is not shown in the facsimile. Both the contents of the fragment and the appearance of the papyrus suit this position, though the broken edges do not join particularly well.

51. There may be nothing between τι and λ, but there is a space sufficient for a narrow letter, and also a faint trace of ink which is consistent with σ.

89-90. A paragraphus may be lost between these two lines.

7. ANTHOLOGY.

Mummy A. Fr. (b) 15.6 × 19.2 cm. Circa B.C. 250-210. PLATE VII (Frs. b and i).

The verso of the papyrus containing the speech of Lysias against Theozotides (14) was used for writing a series of extracts from different authors, such as are not uncommonly found in papyri of the Ptolemaic period, e. g. P. Petrie I. 3 (1), P. Tebt. 1 and 2. Among them are (ll. 10-22) a passage of thirteen iambic lines from the *Electra* of Euripides, and (ll. 91-4) an extract of four iambic lines, including the well-known verse, 'Evil communications corrupt good manners,' quoted by St. Paul. These are also probably Euripidean ; but the other pieces cited are

not iambs, and seem to be chiefly of a lyrical character, if we may judge by the occurrence of such collocations as *βρομῳ κομποῖς* (l. 8), *οχέτων οὐταζει* (l. 47). They are however very badly preserved and in places seem to be corrupt, so that they remain quite unintelligible.

Two hands are found, the first being more cursive than the second, and approximating more towards the late third and early second century B.C. scripts than is the case with any of the other literary fragments in this volume. The anthology is therefore not likely to have been written as early as the reign of Philadelphus; but, especially since the Lysias text has no appearance of being later than the other classical fragments from Mummy A (cf. p. 22), which belong to the middle or early part of the third century B.C., there is no reason for assigning 7 to a later date than Philopator's reign; and in view of the fact that the 25th year of Euergetes (90) is the latest certain date in the Hibeh papyri, it is more probable that these extracts were written before that year than after it.

The text of the *Electra* passage presents some variations from the later MSS., of which there are but two for this play. In the most important place (l. 14 = *El.* 371), where the MSS. are probably corrupt, the surface of the papyrus is unfortunately much damaged and the reading uncertain.

Fr. (b).

Col. i.

Col. ii. PLATE VII.

.
 [30 letters] . . .
 [17 „] . ἀφ[. . . 10 letters] δε
 [11 „] . [.] . . . [.] . εἰσοι το . [.] . .] μιον
 5 [10 „] μ]ηθεις μοι φθονον α . . . ελ . . [.] .
 [11 „] παρ εμου μεμφομαι οι σιγηι . . [.] .
 [11 „] ν φρεν επαν και αγαν ταινεα . κ[
 [11 „] δει βρομῳ κομποῖς δε χαι
 [10 „] ε Ευριπιδου
 10 [ουκ εστ ακριβες ο]νθεν εις ευανδριαν *EL.* 367
 [εχουσι γαρ ταρ]αγμον αι φυσεις βροτων
 [ηδη γαρ ειδο]ν ανδρα γενναιου πατρος
 [το] μ[ηδεν ον]τα χρηστα τ εκ κακων τεκνα 370
 δημον τ ε[ν α]νδρος πλουσιου πνηματι
 φ[ρ]ο

- 15 γνωμην τ[ε μ]εγαλη[ν ε]ν πενητι σωματι
 πως ο[υν] τις αυτα διορισας ορθως κρινει
 πλουτοι π[ο]νηρωι ταρα χρησεται κριτη .
 η τοις εχουσ[ι] μηθεν αλλ εχει νοσον 375
 πενια διδα[σ]κει δ [α]νδρα τηι χρεiai κακο[ν]
 20 αλλ [εις οπ]λα ελθω [τις] δε προς λογχην [βλεπων
 . . . μ[αρτυ]ς [γενο]ιτ αν [οστις εσ]τιν αγαθος
] . . α . κ[ρ]ατιστ[ον εκ]η[ι ταυτ εαν] αφει[μεν]α

8. ι of δει corr.

14. ν of νηματι corr. from ο.

18. First ε of εχει corr. from α.

Fr. (c).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

- 37 . [.]
 [.]
 [.] . [.] . [. . .] . . [.] π[.]
] αις 40 ο [.] γ[.] τ[ε]
] . [.] εμ δαν . . [. .] . μη[.] . [.]
 25] . λειψω οπηστ[.] αραδ . . π[ι]
] ητων προς ανθρωπων πριν τ [. . . .] αιτ[.]
] . [.] υσομαι καιρον ιουωμητα . [. . .] . [.] τ . . [.]
] δε συμμειξω 45 γλωσσα αρ . α ανθρωπων [.] . . μ [.]
] . ασα μορφαις ουκ επανειμι πυθεσθαι ζ[. . .] γ . ημ . πεμο[.]
 30] δαν ουδ εσει οχετων ουταζει σ[. . ν . [.]] ι α τον[.]
] ν φυσιν ζη λογοις ινα η . . νε . . α[. . . .] επι τοις ετυ[μ]οις . μο[.]
] μωι ποτερον : σαι με . . μας κα . [.] κ[. . .] . [.] υψηλοι δομοι πον . . [.]
] . ε . [.] α . . οι : 50 παρα [. . .] . [. .] . ι . [.] . μενων ανεμων . . . [.]
 3 lines lost. [.] η . [.] α[.] ιαι δ ορνιθες αυ . [.]
 [.] . . . [.] . [.] ειδε τιμασ [.]
 [18 letters α] κοιτις θαγοντι . νοια[.]

Fr. (e).

Fr. (h).

- 55] ισοππ[.]
] σεναυ . [56] . . σαν[.]
 . . .] . . . ξαπ[.]

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|-----------------------|--------------|
| | |].ει . . . [.] . πολ[| |
| Fr. (m). | |] σ[.]αν[| Fr. (p). |
| | 60 |] . ον . . φ . [.]μ[| |
| 67] . ις ρ[. . . [| |]τοις δει σε με[| 71]ν εν[|
|] . α . ι . . . [| |]μεσ . . σ . [|]ουν θει . [|
|] . δε γαρ αιδ[| |]εσακ [|]ι . λεκτ[|
| 70]τοις τοι . [| |] . γειν θυγ[| 74]ν . [|
| | 65 |] ε . [.] . . [| |
| | |] . [.] . [| |
| | | | |

(2nd hand)

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--|--------------------|
| | Fr. (f). | Fr. (g). | Fr. (a). |
| 75]ου | | | |
|]αι λεγω πλ[| | | 97] σιδ[. . .] . |
|] . εβαν [.]εισ[| 86 |] . [.] . .]ι | 98] . . . |
|]τρωι [.] . π . . [| |] . . [.] . | |
|] . ιον εξει π . [| 88 |]αιγωι | |
| 80] . | | | |
|] . . . ν . [.] . δ[| | Fr. (i). PLATE VII. | |
|]εν [.] . ε . [| 89 | [.]ακ[| |
|] . . π[| 90 | χρη[| |
|] . . [| | | |
| 85]π . ν[| | επειτα χρησησθαι [| |
| | | οσοι δοκουσιν ο . [| |
| Fr. (n) | | ειδως οθ[ο]υνεκ α[| |
| 99]ν . [| | φθειρουσιν ηθ[η χρησησθ ομιλαιοι κακαι | |
| 100]και[| | [| |
|] . παροδι[.] . | 95 | ωστ εμιν δοκ[ει | |
|] | | αλλ απλως τ[| |
|] | | | |
| | | | |

12 = *El.* 369. *ανδρα*: so both MSS., M(urray). *παῖδα* W(ecklein) following Herwerden.

13 = 370. τ: so MSS. δ Stob. *Flor.* 87. 10 and Orion, *Anth.* 8. 7, M., W.

14 = 371. The MSS. have λιμόν τ' ἐν ἀνδρὸς πλουσίου φρονήματι. For λιμόν, λοιμόν (Scaliger), ῥύπον (Nauck), λήρον (Rauchenstein), δειμόν (Keene), and πίνον (W.) have been suggested. The papyrus certainly did not have λιμον, for the first letter must be δ or ζ, and the second, if not η, must be read ισ or υσ, while the third is certainly μ or ν, and the vestiges of the last two letters suit ον. δημον, if really the reading, must be wrong, and is much nearer to Keene's δειμόν than to any other of the conjectures. δειμόν, however, is not at all satisfactory. The last word of the line seems to have been originally ποηματι (possibly ποιηματι), which has been altered to φρονηματι by inserting φρο over the line and apparently correcting ο to ν, but whether the π was erased is uncertain.

16-22 = 373-9. These lines are bracketed by W. following Wilamowitz, who considers that they were introduced from another play.

16 = 373. διορισας: διαλαβών MSS. διορίσας, being the commoner word in this sense, is more likely to be a gloss on διαλαβών than vice versa.

17 = 374. ταρα: γ' ἄρα MSS., γ' ἄρα W.

19. δ: so L (W., M.), γ' P.

20 = 377. ελθω[τις]: so MSS., M.: ἐλθών τις W. following Heath. There is just room for ν in the lacuna, but it is more likely that the papyrus read ελθω.

22 = 379. This line is quoted as from the *Auge* by Diog. Laert. ii. 33.

32-3. For the two dots placed at the ends of these lines in order to divide them from the writing of the next column cf. 9. 1 and 27. 34.

65. ε is very likely the beginning of the name of the author of the following extract; cf. l. 9. Similar headings probably occurred in ll. 75 and 80.

91-4. The well-known line which apparently occurred in l. 94 is quoted by St. Paul (1 Cor. xv. 33) and many other Christian writers. Socrates (*Hist. Eccl.* 3. 16) assigns the authorship to Euripides, Photius (*Quaest. Amphil.* 151) and Jerome (vol. iii. p. 148, ed. Basil.) to Menander; cf. Nauck's Eurip. Fr. 1013. The remains of ll. 91-3 certainly suggest tragedy rather than comedy, and since another extract from Euripides occurs in this anthology, it is probable that he was the author of ll. 91-4. But φθείρουσιν ἦθη κ.τ.λ. may, of course, have been found in Menander as well.

95. ωστ: ως γ cannot be read. The Doric form ἐμίν and the apparent character of the metre suggest that this may be an extract from Epicharmus.

8-12. POETICAL FRAGMENTS.

Some small unidentified fragments of poetry may here be conveniently grouped together; two are Epic, two Tragic, and the last is from a comedy.

8 (Mummy A) contains the beginnings and ends of lines from the upper parts of two columns of hexameters, written in a sloping cursive hand having a general similarity to that of the epic fragment P. Grenf. II. 5, especially in Col. ii, where the lines are much closer together than in Col. i. But there are some points of contrast: the letters in P. Grenf. II. 5 are less sloping, and some of them are rather differently formed; the papyrus is also of a lighter colour than 8. We therefore hesitate to assign them to a single MS.; if they belong to the same work they must at any rate come from different parts of it.

On the verso of 8 is some much effaced small cursive writing; the verso of P. Grenf. II. 5 as now mounted is invisible. In Col. i a combat is described, while Col. ii contains a dialogue; Ἀχαιοί and Ἀργεῖοι are mentioned (ll. 9 and 24). The occurrence of the new compound ἀμφοτερήκης (= ἀμφήκης) may be noted in l. 8.

9 (Mummy 18) consists of seven small fragments, also in the Epic style. Phegeus, whose death at the hands of Diomedes is described in *Iliad* E 11 sqq., occurs here in connexion with Ajax in l. 2. Phegeus was one of the sons of Dares, the priest of Hephaestus (E 9-10), and the mention of this name suggests the possibility of a relation between these fragments and the *Iliad* attributed in antiquity to Dares, which according to Aelian was extant in his day (*Var. Hist.* xi. 2 οὐ Φρυγίαν Ἰλιάδα ἔτι καὶ νῦν σωζομένην οἶδα), and upon which the Latin prose work bearing the name of Dares professes to be based. The careful rather small hand is of an extremely archaic character; E and Σ are square, and Ω has the capital shape as in 6. The only example of Ξ (l. 3) is imperfectly preserved, but probably had only a dot between the two horizontal strokes, not a vertical connecting line as in 4. We should assign the fragments to the reign of Soter; cf. 4, introd. The dated documents found with 9 in Mummy 18 range from about the 14th year of Philadelphus (110 recto) to the 28th (94). Two corrections occur, one of which at least (l. 14) is due to a different scribe.

10 (Mummy A). Four fragments of Tragic iambs, apparently all from the same text; there is little doubt of this except in the case of Fr. (d), which though very similar (cf. Plate V) is so small that it affords but slight material for comparison. The hand, which is of a somewhat common early third century B.C. type (cf. e.g. 12), is much like that of the longer pieces published in P. Grenf. II. 6 a (cf. the frontispiece of that volume; Fr. c. 2 may belong to a). But the evident resemblance is hardly strong enough to justify us in referring those fragments to the same MS. as 10. Moreover, as Blass has shown (*Rhein. Museum*, lv. pp. 96 sqq.), they are probably to be referred to the *Niobe* of Sophocles, whereas the subject of 10 is apparently different; there is a mention of Achilles in l. 5. The metre indicates that Fr. (a) comes from the right side of a column while Fr. (b) occupied a more central position.

11 (Mummy A). The script of this fragment is on the other hand closer to that of P. Grenf. II. 6 c than to that of 10. The M and Υ have the deep depression which is absent in 10, and the head of the € is bent over towards the cross stroke in the same way as in P. Grenf. II. 6 c. 11 is therefore, we think, to be connected with that group of fragments, which, if Blass is right (cf. introd. to 10), belong to Sophocles' *Niobe*; J. Sitzler (*Neue Phil. Rundsch.* 1897, p. 386) would refer them to some play of Euripides. The contents of the fragment, so far as

they go, suit the attribution to the *Nioḗ* (l. 4 τ]νπεισα, l. 7 αιμα[, l. 9 ?στ]ηθος παρθεν[). The metre is perhaps partly or entirely lyrical; and the fragment is from the bottom of a column.

12 (Mummy A) consists of four small pieces of a comedy, written in medium-sized upright uncials similar in type to those of 10 and 11. The character of the fragments is quite doubtful; a slave is addressing his master at l. 5, and Antiphon is mentioned in l. 6; but that is too common a name to be of much assistance towards identification. A point in the middle position is used, but whether for purposes of punctuation or to mark a change of speaker is not clear.

8.

13.7 x 6.7 cm.

Circa B. C. 280-240.

Col. i.

Col. ii.

| | | | |
|----|--|------------------|-----------------|
| | |] . ισα | χωρ[|
| | |]εσσον | αυτο[|
| | |] . | εσκε δ[|
| | |]ωτες | 20 ενθη[|
| 5 | |] κεςσιν | διοις εν[|
| | |]ν αμφι δε πηληξ | εντε[|
| | |] εμπεδος αει | iei πε[|
| | | α]μφοτερηκες | Αργει[ο]ε[|
| | |]α δ Αχαιοι | 25 ταυτα π . [|
| 10 | |]ν το δ ενεγκον | τα προσθ[|
| | |]α πελονται | ετλημε[|
| | | ? προ]τιεισιν | ως φατο . [|
| | |]α | πενσομαι . [|
| | |] . . βησε | 30 ειροντο αν[|
| 15 | |] υιον | και θειου[|
| | | αμ]φιγνοισιν | ηδη Ζευ[|
| | | | [ε]κποθεν ε . [|
| | | | που τ[|
| | | | |

9. Fr. (a) 4.8 x 8.6 cm.

Circa B.C. 300-280.

PLATE V (Fr. δ).

Fr. (a). Col. i.

Col. ii.

]μαων : 2 Φηγενς Αιαντος [. .]πα[
]
] δεξ[ι]τ[^εα]ρην [
] ν[υ]ν δ[η] τοι φιλο[
] 5 α . [. .]ιτοτ[

Fr. (δ).

Fr. (c).

Fr. (d).

.
] . α . [
]σατ ερινυς 12]ν . [
 νεφεληγ]εβ[ετ]α Ζευς]τυ φιλα[15]ισ[
] . ασκε]φην[^{να}διν[]μα[
 10] . [. .]ς]δεκο[]τ[
]

Fr. (ε).

Fr. (f).

Fr. (g).

.
]ουσι 22]ηντο]ωμα
]ι]κιοωισ[25]ινοι
 20] . ητα
]μ . . ωι

1. The two dots at the end of the line are to separate it from the first verse of the next column (l. 2), to which it nearly reaches ; cf. 7. 32 and 27. 34.

7. Perhaps αρη]σατ ; cf. Homer, *Od.* β 135 μήτηρ στυγερὰς ἀρήσει' ἐρινύς.

Frs. (ε)-(g). These three fragments may succeed each other immediately.]ηντο in l. 22 seems to be the end of the verse. In l. 23 the reading is apparently not σ]κιοωντο.

10. Fr. (a) 15.5 x 4.2 cm.

Circa B.C. 280-240.

PLATE V (Frs. α and δ).

Fr. (α).

Fr. (δ).

]ιμον ωρισα[ς] πον[.
] . [.]οι δε τους αυθαιρετ[ους 30]ιστι . [

| | | |
|----|-----------|---------|
| |]αλλ[|]ρηξ[|
| |] περι[|]μαρ[|
| 60 |]ατ[|]ατ[|
| |]ρα α . [|]ογ[|
| | | |

34. The letter below the superscribed σ was perhaps deleted; cf. l. 36.

36. *εναιμοις*, which is unmetrical, seems to have been the original reading, though the second ι is further away from the μ than would be expected. *δμαιμιος* is found in Pindar, *Nem.* 6. 29, but *ἐναίμιος* is apparently new.

37. Cf. Eurip. *Aeol.* Fr. 17 τὰς δὲ δαιμόνων τύχας ὅστις φέρει κάλλιστ' ἀνὴρ οὗτος σοφός.

11.

6.2 X 2.8 cm.

Circa B.C. 280-240.

. . . .

]πει : [

α]λγος αδεκ . [

]ητε καλλι[

τ]υπεισα βασ[

5]ων ε[]πτεκ[

]νος συ τον[

]δαις εις αιμα[

]θομαι αστ[

]ηθος παρθεν[

10] αιθερος . [

]υσα . [

2. If the lines are lyrical, *αδε* may be *ἀ δέ* or *ἄδε*.

5. The letter apparently deleted between ϵ and π may be ν or μ .

8. The first letter is possibly ρ , but θ is more probable.

12.

Fr. (a) 4.1 X 5.9 cm.

Circa B.C. 280-240.

Fr. (a).

.

[.] τ[εθ]εραπευσθ[ε

[. β]αδιζω ταυτ[ε]ρωτ[η]σων

[.]ερα παντα παραδεδοκ[

[.]ειν ουκουν εγω παλιν ει[

5 [.]λε μαχης σε προς σε δεσπ[οτα

[επεμψεν] Αντιφωμ μ επερωτησont[α σε
 [.]κει της κορης ακηκοα[
 [. ο]φειλωμ μοι δοκει καμ[

| | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Fr. (b). | . . . | Fr. (c). | . . . | Fr. (d). | . . . |
| |]σιμι[| |]μο[| |]ων[|
| 10 |]οσαπ[| |]οι | 25 |] . σισ[|
| |]υβον ωσι[| |]ψεται | | . . . |
| |] αυτον ηδ[| 20 |]σομα[ι | | |
| |]μ φυσει γ[| |] . | | |
| |] δε α δρασ[| |]τ[| | |
| 15 |]ος [| |]εδ[| | |
| |] ακηκο[| | . . . | | |
| | | | | | |

15. There is a broad blank space after]ος, which is perhaps part of a stage direction.

13. HIPPIAS (?), *Discourse on Music*.

Mummies 69 and 70. Height 15.6 cm. Circa B.C. 280-240. PLATE V (Col. ii.).

Two consecutive and nearly complete columns from an oration or discourse upon the subject of music, probably the actual commencement of it. The author is evidently very ancient, for he speaks of the *ἀρμονία* or enharmonic system as still in wide use, whereas by the time of Aristoxenus it had almost disappeared; cf. Plut. *Mus.* 37, Westphal, *Metrik der Griechen*, i. pp. 420-1. Blass makes the happy suggestion that the fragment should be attributed to Hippias of Elis, the contemporary of Socrates, who gives his name to two of the Platonic dialogues. This sophist was accustomed to discourse in public on a variety of topics, of which music was one; cf. Plato, *Hipp. Min.* 363 C *ὅταν τὰ Ὀλύμπια ἦ . . . παρέχω ἑμαυτὸν καὶ λέγοντα ὅτι ἂν τις βούληται ὦν ἂν μοι εἰς ἐπιδείξιν παρσκευασμένων ἦ*, *Hipp. Mai.* 285 E *ἐκεῖνα δὲ σὺ ἀκριβέστατα ἐπίστασαι ἀνθρώπων διαίρειν, περὶ . . . ῥυθμῶν καὶ ἀρμονιῶν*, and *Hipp. Min.* 368 D. Some of these compositions were no doubt published in book form, but no part of them has survived beyond a short quotation in Clem. Alex. *Strom.* vi. 2. 624. No standard

of comparison is therefore available ; but the contents of this papyrus, if they be not by Hippias, represent what he might well have written.

The substance of the two columns is an attack upon certain musical theorists, who attributed to different harmonies and rhythms different moral effects. This is the view maintained by Plato in the well-known passage of the *Republic* 398-400, where some kinds of music are characterized as having a voluptuous or depressing tendency, and are therefore to be excluded from the ideal state. Hippias will have none of this theory, though it cannot be said that the arguments with which he opposes it are very convincing. He also ridicules the more extreme lengths to which it was carried by partisans who professed to express in music the attributes of natural objects, and whose perceptions would seem to have been even finer than any possessed by the writers of some of our modern programmes. Perhaps the person principally aimed at in this diatribe was Damon, the famous Athenian musician and contemporary of Hippias. Damon seems to have given more attention to the theory than to the practice of music (cf. ll. 7 sqq. below) ; and he was a believer in the effects of music upon character (Athen. xiv. 628 C, Aristid. Quint. ii. 14), and probably the views of Plato on this subject were to a large extent influenced by his teaching ; cf. *Rep.* 400 B, and especially 424 C οὐδαμοῦ γὰρ κινοῦνται μουσικῆς τρόποι ἄνευ πολιτικῶν νόμων τῶν μεγίστων, ὥς φησί τε Δάμων καὶ ἐγὼ πείθομαι. There is indeed some evidence for the existence of a work on music by Damon in the form of a speech to the Areopagus (*Rhein. Mus.* xl. pp. 309 sqq.). The Herculaneum fragments of the treatise of Philodemus *De Musica*, as Dr. Mahaffy reminds us, take the same side in the controversy as Hippias.

The short, broad columns of the text are carefully written in good-sized uncials of an ordinary type ; the lines show a noticeable irregularity of length. Punctuation is effected by means of two (in l. 9 three) dots, which are sometimes combined with marks resembling a small coronis, e.g. in l. 13. On the verso is a good deal of badly damaged cursive writing, probably by more than one hand and running in contrary directions.

Col. i.

[πολλ]ακίς ἐπηλθε μοι θαυμασαι ὦ ἄνδρες [Ἑλλήνες
[εἰ α]λλοτρίας τιν[ες] τὰς ἐπιδείξεις τῶν ὀ[ικειῶν] τε
[χρ]ῶν ποιοῦμεν[οι] λανθανουσιν ὑμᾶς λ[έγοντες] γὰρ
[ο]ἱ ἀρμονικοὶ εἰσὶ καὶ προχειρισάμενοι ὠ[ίδας] τινὰς
5 ταύτας συγκρίνουσιν τῶν μὲν ὡς εὐτυχῶν
κατηγοροῦντες τὰς δὲ εἰκὴ ἐγκω[μιαζ]όντες

- και λεγουσι μεν ως ου δει αυτους ου[τε ψ]αλτας
 ουτε ωιδους θεωρειν περι μεγ γαρ τ[αυτ]α ετεροις
 φασιν παραχωρ[ε]ιν : αυτων δε ιδιον [ε]ιναι το θε
 10 ωρητικον μερος φαινονται δε περι μεν ταυτα
 ων ετεροις παραχωρουσιν ου μετριοως εσπουδακο
 τες εν οis δε φασιν ισχυειν εν τουτοις σχ[εδια]
 ζοντες)—: λεγουσι δε ως των μελων τ[α] μεν
 εγκρατεις τα δε φρονιμους τα δε δικαιους
 15 τα δε ανδρειους τα δε δειλους ποιει)—: κακως ειδοτες οτι
 ουτε χρωμα δειλους : ουτε αρμονια αν ανδρειους
 ποιησειεν τους αυτηι χρωμενους)—: τις γαρ ουκ οιδεν

Col. ii.

- [Αιτ]ωλους και Δολοπας : και παντας τους Θε[ρ]
 [μοπυλ]ησι διατονωι μεν τη μουσικη χρω[μενους] μα
 20 [λλον] δε των τραγωιδων οντας ανδρει[ους] των δι
 [α πα]ντος ειωθοτων εφ αρμονιας αιδειν)—: [ωστε
 [ουτε] χρωμα δειλους ουτε αρμονια αν[δρειους] ποι
 [ει εις τ]ουτο δε ερχονται τολμης ωστε [ολον τον βιο]ν κα[τα
 [τριβ]ειν εν ταις χορδαις : ψαλλοντες μεν [πολυ χ]ει[ρον] τω]ν
 25 [ψαλ]τ[ων] : αιδοντες δε των ωιδων : συνκρινοντες δε
 [του τ]υχοντος ρητορος παντα παντω[ν] χει[ρον] ποιουντες
 [και π]ερι μεν των αρμ[ο]νικων καλουμ[ενω]ν εν οis δη
 φ[ασι]ν διακεισθαι πως : ουθ ηντινα φων[ην] εχοντες λεγειν :
 εν[θο]υσιωντες δε : και παρα τον ρυθμ[ον] δε] παιοντες
 30 το υποκειμενον σανιδιον αυτοis [αμα τοis] απ[ο] του
 ψ[αλ]τηριου ψοφοis : και ουδε αισχυν[ομενο]ι εξειπ[ειν]
 τω[ν] μελων τα μεν δαφνης εξειν [ιδιον] τι τα δε κιτ[του]
 ε[τι] δε ερω]τωντες ει ου φαινεται [.]α ιδια επιτη[. . .
 ε[.]γεισθαι : και οι σατυροι προς [αυλο]ν χορευον[τες]

A fragment, possibly belonging to this papyrus:

. . .
35] . . [

]ων
]ψ[
.

‘It has often been an occasion of surprise to me, men of Hellas, that certain persons, who make displays foreign to their own arts, should pass unobserved. They claim to be musical, and select and compare different tunes, bestowing indiscriminate blame upon some and praise upon others. They assert that they ought not to be regarded as harpers and singers, for these subjects, they say, they concede to others, while their own special province is the theoretical part. They appear, however, to take no small interest in what they concede to others, and to speak at random in what they say are their own strong subjects. They assert that some tunes make us temperate, others wise, others just, others brave, others cowardly, being unaware that enharmonic melody would no more make its votaries brave than chromatic will make them cowards. Who is there who does not know that the Aetolians and Dolopes, and all the folk round Thermopylae use a diatonic system of music, and yet are braver than the tragedians who are regularly accustomed to use the enharmonic scale? Therefore enharmonic melody makes men brave no more than chromatic makes them cowardly. To such lengths of confidence do they go that they waste all their life over strings, harping far worse than the harpers, singing worse than the singers, making comparisons worse than the common rhetorician,—doing everything worse than any one else. With regard to the so-called harmonics, in which, so they say, they have a certain state of mind, they can give this no articulate expression; but go into ecstasies, and keeping time to the rhythm strike the board beneath them in accompaniment to the sounds of the harp. They are not even ashamed to declare that some tunes will have properties of laurel, and others of ivy, and also to ask whether . . .’

2. οἰκειων is very doubtful; the first letter may be ε or σ or possibly τ or ν.

18. If Θε[ρμοπυλ]ησι is right, l. 18 was remarkably short; but the letter before ι in l. 19 is almost certainly σ, and the preceding vestiges suit η. οἱ Θερμοπύλησι would include e.g. the Aenianes and Oetaeans, the eastern neighbours of the Dolopes and Aetolians. The mention of the Aetolians here, as Blass remarks, is appropriate in the mouth of Hippias of Elis, the Eleans and Aetolians being closely related.

19–20. The division μάλλον is not usual, but [λον] seems insufficient for the lacuna at the beginning of l. 20, while [μαλλον] is too long.

28. Of the supposed dots after λεγειν only the upper one is preserved, and that not very clearly.

29. παρα might also mean ‘in defiance of.’

30. π of απο is not quite satisfactory, and ν would in some respects be more suitable.

31–4. There can be little doubt that the small detached fragment]ε ξειπ[κ.τ.λ. contains the concluding portions of these lines, but its exact position is uncertain and the restoration proposed is highly conjectural. [ιδιον] τι in l. 32 is suggested by ιδια in the next line; but the supposed α before ιδια is quite doubtful, and may be e.g. λ. τ Of] τι is represented only by the tip of the crossbar, which would also suit γ or ν, but these letters are far less likely here. Compared with [ομενο]ι in l. 31 the supplement [ιδιον] τι is somewhat long, but with three iotas may perhaps be admitted. [αυλο]ν in l. 34 corresponds well with [ομενο]ι. Of the letter before εισθαι all that is left is part of a vertical stroke, which would be consistent also with μ.

14. LYSIAS, *In Theozotidem*.

Mummy A. Fr. (b) 15.6 x 19.2 cm. Circa B.C. 280-240. PLATE II (Fr. c, Cols. ii-iii).

The recto of this papyrus, of which there are twenty fragments, contains a speech of an Attic orator directed against a certain Theozotides. This, as was observed by Blass, must be the oration of Lysias *κατὰ Θεοζοτίδου* mentioned by Pollux 8. 46; cf. Sauppe, *Fr. Orat. Att.* p. 189. The script is a good-sized uncial, a thick pen being used and the lines written close together. On the verso are a series of poetical extracts (7) in two hands, of which one is a somewhat later type of cursive than most of those found in this volume. But, though the writing on the verso may perhaps belong to the reign of Philopator, the oration does not present any appearance of being appreciably later than the other literary fragments found with it, which probably belong for the most part to the reign of Philadelphus, or at latest to the early part of the reign of Euergetes. No stops are used; but the paragraphus is found, and a blank space is sometimes left at the beginning of a new sentence.

The three principal fragments, (a), (b), and (c), contain the lower portions of columns and clearly do not admit of any combination. The order of the three is uncertain, but Fr. (a) more probably precedes (or follows) the other two than comes between them, because the writing on the verso is different from that on the verso of Frs. (b) and (c). Of the small pieces, Frs. (e), (h), (m), and (p), on account of the writing on the verso, may be connected with Frs. (b) and (c), while Frs. (f), (g), and (n), of which the writing on the verso is in another hand, cannot be combined with Frs. (b) and (c), but may be connected with Fr. (a). Frs. (d), (i), (k), (l), (o), (q)-(x) have no writing on the verso, and to which part of the roll they belong is quite obscure.

It is difficult to glean much information about the nature of the speech from these scattered fragments, connected sense being only obtainable in a few passages. That the accusation against Theozotides was a *γραφὴ παρανόμων* is however clear. From Frs. (a) and (b) it appears that he had proposed to exclude illegitimate and adopted sons of citizens fallen in war from the benefits which the State conferred upon orphans, while Frs. (c) and (d) are concerned with a proposal, which was apparently carried by Theozotides, to reduce the pay of the *ἱππεῖς* from 1 drachma to 4 obols per diem, while raising that of the *ἱπποτοξόται*, an inferior class of soldiers, from 2 obols a day to 8. The description of this measure, which was obviously directed against the richer classes in the interests of the poorer, supplies some interesting information on the pay of the Athenian cavalry; cf. note on ll. 72-81. How the two seemingly distinct questions of legitimate

ancestry and pay of cavalry soldiers were connected is not evident. The text is not very accurate, several corrections being necessary; cf. notes on ll. 29, 41, and 85.

Fr. (a).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

| | | |
|----|--|--------------------|
| | [15 letters] [. . .] [. . .] | |
| | [.] του [. . .] νομ[. . .] | |
| | [.] . . . τους μαλιστα δε | |
| 5 | [14 letters] ντης μισ | νομο[|
| | [. . .] τ[ο]υς νοθους τε και τους | 15 βοσκη[|
| | [ποιη]τους ουτε νομιμως ου | τ[ο] [. . .] ολ[|
| | [θ υγιω]ς εμοι γαρ δοκει των ορ | κωι το[|
| | [φανων . . .] . . . των τους νοθους | ρησεν[ου |
| 10 | [.] τ]ημ πολιν η τους | κ εστ[|
| | [ποιη]τους τους γαρ γνησιους | 20 πατ[|
| | [15 letters] καταλει | σιον τ[|
| | [13 "] του]ς νοθους | ν . τω[|

Fr. (b).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

[πατ]ρωιων [

[. .] της μισθοφο[ριας] . [. . .] ο . [. .

25 [. . .] ε[. . .]ος κατελιπεν αυτοις [

[. . .] παντων δεινοτατον ει

[το καλ]λιστα των εν τοις

[νομο]ις κηρυγμα Θεοζο

[τιδ]ης διαβαλλει και ψευδος

30 [κα]ταστησει Διονυσιοις γαρ

[στα]ν ο κηρυξ αναγορευη τους

[ορ]φανους πατροθεν υπειπων

[οτι] τωνδε των νεανισκων οι

πατερες απεθανον εν τωι πο

35 λεμωι μαχομενοι υπερ της

85 τος συντεινειν τημ μισθ[οφο
ριαν εγω δε το ποριζειν ου[κ α
ποστερειν ωιμην ειναι των [

90 η μηδεν ελαττω των υ[παρ
χοντων εσται τοιουτο . [. . .
[τ]ουτον ουχ οκνειν χρη [. . . .
[. .]ν αλλα . . [. .]

Fr. (d).

Fr. (e).

Fr. (f).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

95]επεισεν υμας π[οφειλο[.
]κη εξειναι μ[100 καιτοι υ[
]ης διωβελιας [. . .
]α [χ]ρηματα [. . .
[.

101]ιστε
]τα ε
]εσθαι
]ωσεσ
105] . ειτε οι υ
αν]δρες
] . . . ι φυ

111]τ[
τ[
8 lines lost.
121 η . [. . .
τ[
] . [. . . .

Fr. (g).

125 [. .]νιν . . [. .
η . . ων . αναισ[
λων συγκα[
1 or 2 lines lost.

110 .]λ . [. .] .
[. . .

Fr. (h).

Fr. (i).

Fr. (k).

128]υσαν . . [. .
ι]ππευς [. . .
130 ο]ρφαν . [. . .]αη[
]πολ . . . ερ[
] . υ συντι[
]ποι . . . αποτ[
] . ου τημ μισθ[οφοριαν
135]ασαν εντελη [. .
]ις το περιτ[
] μισθοφορια[
] τ . λ . . [. .

142]δημη
]τα το δεινον
] . ημηδη
145] . βουλευ
] . [.] βουλευσηι
]ευσει
]αλεγων
]κο
150 π]αρανομα
] . . [. .] οι
[.

152]ρ[.]χ . [. .
]ασατο τ[
] . ρειτ . . [. .
155]εων . ιναν[
] .]αι η[
[. . . .
] . ιδ[
] . . [. .
160]ομ[
[. . . .

| | | | |
|----------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| |]. ων π[| Fr. (m). | Fr. (n). . . . |
| 140 |]αν . [.] . ναπ[| | 169] . [|
| |]ροϋ[. .] . . [| 164 [. . .]μ[| 170 [. . .] |
| | | 165 και τους . [|]ατ[|
| Fr. (l). | | ηγωνιστα[ι |] . ευπ[. . . .]υκε[|
| 161 |]ντιτωι . [| μεν η δικ[η |]ζην ειναι της ε . [|
| |]πατω[| [ο]υδεν απ[|]υγκαταθει[|
| |] . [. . .]ε[| | |
| | | | |

Fr. (o).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

Fr. (p).

(Fr. (q)).

| | | | |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | | | |
| 176 | [.] . [| 182] . ωντ[.]ι . [| 188]φορ[|
| | [. .] . ν επηρεα[|]ωματι . [|] . . λο[|
| | μεγ γαρ κλε . [|]λουσιν [| 190]νιτ . [|
| | ξηι[| 185 τη]ς μισθοφορια[s |] . πο[|
| . . | 180 τα . [|] . [|] . . α[|
| 175] . | το [|] . [| |
| . . | | | |

Fr. (r).

Fr. (s).

Fr. (t).

| | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| | | | |
| 193 |] . . [.] . [| 197 |] . . [.] . [|
| |]ηναι τρε[| |]λαβειν [|
| 195 |] . . . ουστο[| |] . [.]πρ . [|
| |] . . [| 200 |]ρηιυ[|
| | | |] . . λε[|
| | | | |

Fr. (u).

Fr. (w).

Fr. (x).

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | |
| 205]ευσ[| 208] . [| | |
|]ολ . [|]πισ | 211]πο[| |
|] . [| 210]μιν |] . π[| |
| | | | |

7. [ποιη]τους: cf. l. 39. This restoration is the basis of our calculation of the size of the lacunae at the beginnings of lines in this column, and, if it is correct, the supplements μισ[θοφορίας] in ll. 5-6 and ου[τε δικαιο]s in ll. 7-8 are both too long. The addition of three or four more letters to the initial lacunae throughout this column would render the restoration of l. 7 very difficult and make the lines longer than in the other columns.

26-47. 'Most monstrous of all is it that Theozotides should misrepresent the most splendid proclamation that is enjoined by law and establish a falsehood. At the Dionysiac festival when the herald proclaims the orphans with their fathers' names, and adds that the fathers of these youths died in war fighting for their country as brave men, and these youths were brought up by the State until manhood, is he then to make a separate announcement concerning the adopted and illegitimate sons, saying that owing to Theozotides these were not brought up, or is he to proclaim them all alike . . . and speak falsely by passing over in silence their bringing up? Would not this be an insult and the height of misrepresentation?'

Cf. Aesch. *In Ctes.* 154 ταύτη ποτὲ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ μελλόντων ὥσπερ νυνὶ τῶν τραγῳδῶν γίγνεσθαι . . . προελθὼν ὁ κήρυξ καὶ παρασησάμενος τοὺς ὀρφανοὺς ὧν οἱ πατέρες ἦσαν ἐν τῷ πολέμῳ τετελευτηκότες νεανίσκους πανοπλία κεκοσμημένους ἐκήρυττε τὸ ἀλλίστον κήρυγμα καὶ προτρεπτικώτατον πρὸς ἀρετὴν ὅτι τοῦσδε τοὺς νεανίσκους ὧν οἱ πατέρες ἐτελεύτησαν ἐν τῷ πολέμῳ ἄνδρες ἀγαθοὶ γενόμενοι μέχρι μὲν ἡβῆς ὁ δῆμος ἔτρεφε, νυνὶ δὲ καθοπλίσας τῇδε τῇ πανοπλίᾳ ἀφήσιν ἀγαθὴ τύχη τρέπεσθαι ἐπὶ τὰ ἑαυτῶν, καὶ καλεῖ εἰς προεδρίαν. Other references to this ceremony are Isocr. viii. 82, Aristotle, *Pol.* ii. p. 1268 B 8.

25-6. Perhaps [ε]τι δε] παντων.

29. διαβαλλει: l. διαβαλει.

40. l. ανερει. Cf. Aesch. *In Ctes.* 155 τί ποτ' ανερεῖ.

41. ετρεφον: l. ετρεφεν, sc. ἡ πόλις.

46. Blass suggests κατα της πολεως for the lacuna, and in l. 49 [την υμετεραν ακροπ]ολιν.

47-9. The reference seems to be, as Blass remarks, to the expulsion of Isagoras in B. C. 508.

72-81. ' . . . with regard to war Theozotides here advocates the motion that the knights should be paid four obols instead of a drachma, but the mounted archers eight obols instead of two, and this motion . . . he carried in the assembly of the people . . . '

The ἵππεις, who in the Peloponnesian war numbered 1000, received from the State (1) on enrolment a κατάστασις, i. e. a sum of money for equipment, which, as some think, had to be restored when their liability for service ended, and (2) a yearly μισθός for the maintenance of their horses (Schol. ad Dem. *In Timocr.* p. 732. 6); but they probably received no personal pay, at any rate in times of peace (Ar. *Eq.* 577 προῖκα γενναίως ἀμύνειν); cf. Boeckh, *Staatshaushaltung* (3rd ed.), i. p. 317, and Gilbert, *Staatsalt.* i. p. 362, note 2. The sum of about 40 talents, which according to Xen. *Hipp.* i. 19 the State paid annually εἰς τὸ ἵππικόν, is identified by Boeckh and Gilbert with the allowance for the horses. It is tempting at first sight to connect this payment of 40 talents, which makes 4 obols a day for each ἵππεις, with the 4 obols a day which Theozotides' scheme substituted for the previous drachma; but Xenophon was speaking of times of peace, while it is fairly certain that the payments in the Lysias passage refer to time of war. For the payments to the knights during war the only piece of evidence is Dem. i *Phil.* 28, from which it appears that they received 30 drachmae a month, i. e. 1 drachma a day, so that in the interval between the speech against Theozotides and the first Philippic the rate which prevailed before Theozotides'

law seems to have been restored. The scale of payments to the *ἵπποτοξόται* was previously unknown; if our reading of ll. 78-9 is correct (neither *διδραχμον* nor *δνοιν δραχμῶν* can be read), Theozotides raised their daily pay from 2 obols to 8. They were a body of 200 men, of inferior rank to the *ἵππεις* and probably drawn, like the *τοξόται*, from the lower classes of citizens, since it may be inferred from Lysias xv. 6 that service as a *ἵπποτοξότης* was despised; cf. Gilbert, *op. cit.* p. 363. The proposal to pay them twice as much as the *ἵππεις* was evidently a democratic measure. The *μισθοφορία* of which the papyrus speaks must have been independent of the allowance for keeping a horse, since 2 obols would be ludicrously insufficient for that purpose.

85. *συντείνειν* seems to be an error for *συντεμνειν*: cf. Thuc. viii. 45 *τὴν τε μισθοφορὰν ξυνέτεμεν*.

92. l. *οὐκ*.

93-6. Cf. Ar. *Ath. Pol.* 28. 3.

151. This line was very likely the last of a column.

15. RHETORICAL EXERCISE.

Mummy A. 19.2 x 38.3 cm. Circa B.C. 280-240. PLATE II (Part of Cols. i-iii).

Though in point of size the second of the literary papyri from Hibeh, this piece proves to be disappointing. It contains six consecutive columns, some in excellent preservation, from an oration which in Blass's judgement—and his opinion on such a point is not likely to be challenged—was never really delivered, but is only a rhetorical composition. The supposed occasion is considered by Blass to be the situation resulting from the death of Alexander the Great, and the speaker, who is addressing an Athenian audience and advocating a forward policy, to be Leosthenes. That orator and soldier was with Hyperides the most active opponent at Athens of the Macedonian dominion, and played the principal part in the movement which resulted in the defeat of the Macedonian general Antipater in Thessaly. Antipater threw himself into Lamia, and there Leosthenes, who commanded the Greek allies, met his death. The phraseology of the papyrus is somewhat colourless, but references occur which suit this interpretation, e.g. the mention of a sudden change in the position of affairs (l. 43), the allusion to the speaker's office as general (l. 116), and his personal risk in the cause he championed (l. 61) (a danger which as events were to prove he did not over-estimate), the possible reference to Taenarum (l. 58), and the exhortations to make a bold bid not only for freedom but for the leading position which freedom, if gained, might bring (ll. 73 sqq., 106 sqq., &c.). The composition is a favourable specimen of its class, and the early date gives it a certain interest. In spite of frequent confusion between *ι* and *ει* and other misspellings, there is no doubt that this text, which is carefully written in a handsome hand of medium size, is of approximately the same date as the bulk of the literary papyri in this

volume, and it is most unlikely to be later than the reign of Philadelphus. The formation of omega, in which the second curve is unfinished and an intermediate stage between Ω and ω is shown, should be noticed ; cf. 26, which illustrates an earlier stage in the transition. Punctuation is effected by a paragraphus, which, when the pause comes within the line, is accompanied by a horizontal dash marking the exact point. The text has been corrected with some care, apparently by the original scribe. There is some illegible writing on parts of the verso ; cf. note on Fr. (a).

Col. i. PLATE II.

]
] . . αρων
] . [. . .]
] τε
 5] α[. .
]
] ενι
] α
] ικραν
 10] ον
] .
] α
] γαρ
] τι
 15] ωτιαν
] νανα[.]
] πανει
] ν των
] την
 20] . [. .] τω[.]
] . ζημιαν
] ροι εμοι
] α .
] ε[.]
 25] τας
 ευ] α

Col. ii. PLATE II.

ρεσποτερους συμαχους
 εξετε και φανερον απασι
 καταστησετε διоти το της
 30 πολεως ηθος ουτω μακραν
 [α]πεχει του κακως τινα ποιειν
 των μηθεν αδικουντων
 Ελληνων — ωστε και τους
 φανερωσ εξημαρτηκοτας
 35 αθωιους αφησιν δια την
 υπερβολην της φιλανθρω
 πιας — μαλιστα δε λογι
 ζεσθε προς των θεων ω αν
 δρες Αθηναιοι [δ]ιоти το βρα
 40 δυνειν τοις νυν καθεστω
 σιν ηκιστα συμφερον εστιν
 οξεισ γαρ εικος ειναι τους ε
 κ των μεταβολων καιρους
 λαβεσ
 ων αντι[ληψεσ]θε και παυσασ
 45 [σ]θε προσεχοντες τοις την
 ραθυμιαν ασφαλειαν
 αποκαλουσιν — και μη φοβη
 θεντες η[.] ειτε
 την σωτηριαν αλ[λα] και θαρ
 50 σησαντες τοιαυτα βουλ[ε]ν
 σασθε δι ων μηδεποτε μ[η]θεν

Col. iii. PLATE II.

- α
αλλ[α] ηδ[.] . . [.]ησθε των [. .
 π . [.]ονων τ[οι]ς μεν αλ
 55 λοις επ . [.]γον υμιν
 δε μ[[ε]]ιμεισθα[ι καθ]ηκον εστιν
 κ[α]ι λογιζεσθα[ι με η]κιστ αν .
εν Ταιν[αρωι καθη]μενον
 και μηθενος υστ[ερον]τα
 60 των εν τη πολει σ . [.] , γων
 ουτως αμ φιλοκι[ν]δυνως επι
 στηναι το[ι]ς π[ρα]γμασιν ει μη
 τα των καιρων ηπισταμην
 κατεπειγοντ[α] και κρισιν εω
 65 ρων ουσαν της ημετερας
σωτηριας — και τ[.]
 των εφοβ[ο]υμην [.]
 καθεστηκοτων [.]
 εν υμ[[ε]]ιν αυτοις [.]
 70 και ταπεινος υπ[ολ]ηφθειην
 ως μηθεν των συμφεροντων
προιδειν αν δυνηθεις
 αλλα και νυν προ[ο]ρω τα μελ
 λοντα και παρακαλω προς τα
 75 πραγματα υμας και [[παρα
 καλω]] την τυχην ην

Col. iv.

- [. μη κα]
 τ]αλειπειν — και δεομαι
 ν
 μαλιστα των εωτερων
 80 των παρ υμ[[ε]]ιν εκ παδος τα

περι τον πολεμον ικανως
 παιδευθεντων — ακμασαι
 ποτε ταις διανοιας και χρη
 σασθαι τοις οι[κ]ειοις σωμασιν
 85 ευκαιρως την αποδειξιν
 ποιησαμενους της αυτων
 αρετης — ιν[α] νομιζονται
 και τον αλλον χρονον
 ησυχάζειν μη δι ανανδριαν
 90 αλλα δι ευλαβειαν — και μη
 θεις ω ανδρες Αθηναιοι
 χωρις της υμετερας δυνα
 μεως επι τα πραγματα
 καταδεεστερον βαδιζωμεν
 95 μηθ υμεις αναγκαζησθε
 δυοιν θατερον η ποητε ετερ[ο]ι[s]
 το κελευομενον η μετ ελατ
^s
 τονο στρατοπεδου κινδυν
 νευειν ημων αλλως πως

Col. v.

100 α[
 και ταις εμ[.
 αποχρησασθε και την εν
 τωι πραττειν ορθως ασφα
 λειαν ελεσθε μετα πλειονων
 105 την σωτηριαν υμ[ε]ιν αυτοις
 παρασκευαζοντες — ως
 αναξιον εστιν ω ανδρες
 Αθηναίοι των εμ Μαραθωνι
 και Σαλαμιν κινδυνων δια
 110 τελειν ημας το συνολον

γα . εινητ[.
 υπηκοους οντ[ας
 ξεται μεγα[.
 145 [. . .]κα[

Fragments.

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------|
| (a) | | (b) | |
| |]αται τους κ[| |]μενον . [. |
| |] . αλλ[ο]ν με[| |] |
| |]αβας π . [| |]ν |
| |]τερον μεν [| 155 |]ς δε υμεις εαν |
| 150 |]τον κα[| |]εν νυν δε υμας |
| |] . . [| | α]λλ ει προτερ . [|
| | | | [|
| | | |] . εια . |
| | | | |

| | | | | | |
|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|-----------|
| (c) | | (d) | | (e) | |
| 160 |]τα[| 162 |] αλλης . . [| 163 |] και τ[|
| |]τοτε[. [| | | | |

| | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----------|
| (f) | | (g) | |
| |] . [| 166 |]κρη[|
| 165 |] . ιατ[. . [| | |
| | | | |

17. The letters παν are on a separate fragment placed here conjecturally.

26-51. ' . . . you will have more contented allies, and will make it plain to all that the temperament of the State is so far from doing an injury to any one of the innocent Greeks that in the excess of its kindness it leaves unpunished those who are plainly guilty. Most of all, by heaven, consider, men of Athens, that delay in present circumstances is fatal, for the opportunities arising from the change are likely to be short. Seize them then, and give ear no longer to those who misname inaction safety. Do not miss your salvation through fear, but take courage, and adopt resolutions by means of which you will never . . .

26. ευ]αρεστοτερους συμμαχους: cf. Diod. xviii. 10 τῶν πρέσβειων ἐπιπορευομένων τὰς πόλεις . . . αἱ πλείσται μὲν συνέθεντο τὴν συμμαχίαν.

43. τῶν μεταβολῶν: i.e. the situation created by the death of Alexander.

44. *πανσα|σθε* has been altered to *πανσασ|θε*; with combinations of *σ* both methods of division are frequent.

54. The first word does not seem to be *πλειονων*, though *των* may be the last word in l. 53. *γι* may be read in place of *π*, but *γιτωνων* is unsuitable.

55-66. '... you ought to imitate . . . , and reflect that although I am inferior to no . . . in the city, I should not have stationed myself at Taenarum and courted danger so freely in my conduct of affairs, if I did not know that the occasion was pressing, and that the turning-point of our salvation was at hand.'

58. For *εν Ταιν[αρω καθη]μενον* cf. Diod. xviii. 9 *μισθοφόρους, ὄντας μὲν ὀκτακισχιλίου, δια- τριβόντας δὲ περὶ Ταίναρον τῆς Πελοποννήσου*. The reading *Ταιν[αρω]* is however very uncertain.

60. Cf. ll. 116 sqq. At the end of the line the vestiges of the letter before *ων* would suit *η*, and *Ελ[λ]ηνων* is a possible reading; but this is not satisfactory in itself, and moreover the initial letter is much more like *σ* than *ε*. *στρατηγων* is inadmissible.

73-99. 'But now I foresee the future, and urge you to take action and not to neglect the good fortune which . . . Especially the younger men, who have had among you a sufficient military training from their youth, I entreat to exert all their powers of mind and to employ their bodies in a timely display of their prowess, in order that their tranquillity in the past may be ascribed not to unmanliness but to prudence; and that we, men of Athens, may not proceed to action with inadequate numbers and without the aid of your power, nor yourselves be forced to the alternatives of either obeying the orders of others, or with an inferior force risking an engagement . . .'

78. *τα* of *καταλείπειν* was at first omitted owing to homoioteleuton, but was added before the insertion of the paragraphus.

90. l. *μηθ (ημ)εις* (sc. the mercenary troops), balancing *μηθ υμεις* in l. 95.

96. l. *ποιω* for *ποιητε*.

101-122. 'Make use of . . . and choose the safety which lies in right conduct, working out your own preservation in larger force. For it is unworthy of the daring deeds at Marathon and Salamis, men of Athens, that you should persevere in the complete renunciation of the hegemony, or in the idea that it will ever come to you of its own accord without a single effort on your part. I therefore, since it was the duty of a general not to consider his own safety or chances of election but your preservation, have come forward with that object in view in championship of general liberty . . .'

107 sqq. Cf. Diod. xviii. 10 *καὶ πρότερον μὲν ὁ δῆμος, . . . τοὺς ἐπὶ δουλείᾳ στρατευσα- μένους βαρβάρους ἡμύνατο κατὰ θάλατταν, καὶ νῦν οἴεται δεῖν ὑπὲρ τῆς κοινῆς τῶν Ἑλλήνων σωτηρίας . . . προκινδυνεύειν*.

131. *πολεως αρχηγετιν*: i. e. Athena; cf. C. I. G. 476 *Ἀθηνᾶ ἀρχηγέτιδι καὶ θεοῖς, &c.*

Fr. (a). The shape of this fragment suggests that it should be placed at the top of Col. vi, so that l. 124 combines with l. 148, but to this there are two objections, apart from the difficulty of finding suitable readings:—(1) the column would then be higher by a line than the others; (2) on the verso of this column there is some half-effaced writing, while the verso of Fr. (a) seems to have been left blank. The verso of Frs. (b) and (c) on the other hand has been used, and they may well belong to Col. vi, though we have not succeeded in placing them. Fr. (e), judging from its colour, is likely to belong to Col. i.

16. THEOPHRASTUS (?).

Mummy A.

13.3 × 19.5 cm.

Circa B.C. 280-240.

One nearly complete column of twenty-two lines, and parts of two other columns, from a philosophical work, the subject of the fragment being a discussion of Democritus' atomic theory, particularly in relation to the composition of the sea. The author is, as Blass suggests, very likely Theophrastus, a passage in whose works affords a close parallel to part of the papyrus; cf. note on l. 41. The treatise to which the papyrus belongs may have been that *περὶ ὕδατος* (Diog. Laërt. v. 45) or one of his other numerous works on Natural Philosophy.

The text is written in a thick inelegant hand of a somewhat cursive character. It formed part of the same piece of cartonnage as Cols. ix-xi of 26, and belongs more probably to the reign of Philadelphus than to that of Euergetes. The paragraphus is employed, and a blank space is left before the beginning of a new section in the middle of a line.

We are indebted to Prof. H. Diels for some suggestions in the interpretation of this papyrus.

| Col. i. | Col. ii. |
|---------------------------|--|
|] | 22 <i>πρόνομος ἀπο . λ . λιπομένης ἀπ[.]δ[.] .</i> |
|] . | <i>πρῆσθαι φησ[ι]ν ἐν τῷ υγρῷ τὰ ὁμοία</i> |
|] . | <i>πρὸς τὰ ὁμοία καθάπερ ἐν τῷ παντί</i> |
|]ν | 25 <i>καὶ οὕτως [γ]εῖσθαι θαλάτταν καὶ</i> |
| 5 | <i>τάλλα τὰ ἀ[.] . . τὰ πάντα συνενε</i> |
|] . ο | <i>χθέντων τ[ω]ν ὁμοφυλῶν ὅτι δὲ</i> |
|] . | <i>ἐκ τῶν ὁμογενῶν ἐστὶν θάλαττα</i> |
|] . [.]νεῖν . . . [.] . . | <i>καὶ ἐξ ἄλλων εἶναι φανερόν οὔτε γὰρ</i> |
|] α μὲν οὖν μαλὶ | 30 <i>λίβανωτον οὔτε θείον οὔτε σιλφίον</i> |
| 10 <i>στὰ</i> | <i>οὔτε νίτρον οὔτε στυπτηρίαν οὔτε</i> |
| <i>ὡς</i> | <i>ἀσφαλτόν οὔτε ὅσα μεγάλα καὶ θαύμα</i> |
|] οἱ μὲν γὰρ ὑπο | <i>στὰ πολλαχθὺν γίνεσθαι τῆς γῆς τοῦ</i> |
|] τῆς υγροτήτος | <i>τῷ μὲν οὖν προχείρον εἰ καὶ μῆθεν</i> |
| <i>ὑδάτων οἱ δὲ</i> | 35 <i>ἄλλο σκεψασθαι διότι μέρος ποίων</i> |
| <i>Δημόκριτος δὲ</i> | <i>τὴν θάλατταν τοῦ κόσμου τὸν αὐ</i> |
| 15 |] . ἰ ποιεῖν |
| |] . τῶν . . . τὸν τρ[ο]πὸν φησὶ γίνεσθαι καὶ τὰ |

5 lines lost.

θαυμαστα και τα παραλογωτατα
της φυσεως ωσπερ ου πολλας ουσας
40 εἰν τῇ γῇ διαφορας επει ποιουντι
[γε] του[s] χυλους δια τα σχηματά και
[το] α[λ]μυρον εγ μεγαλων και γωνιο
[ει]δων ουκ [α]λογον πως περι τηγ

30. θ of θεων corr.

34. ν ει of προχειρον ει corr.

Col. iii.

κτ . [
45 [. .] π . [
τε προ[
νιτ . . [. . .] . [
καλλ . [. .] . ω[
ει δε[. . .] . π . [
50 αλλα κ . . . [
π . . . τα . [
ουτε . . ν . [
σου το [

λεγ . . ωι εα . [
55 ο γ . [. .] ουμ . . . [
[. .] [
τοιουτ[. .] αλ[
ζωων απο . . [
κεκρισθαι π[ν
60 περ φυσιν . [
και π [
πεςπ[. .] . [
ισως κατ[

23-43. '... he says that in a wet substance like is (drawn) to like as in the whole creation, and thus the sea was created and all else that is . . . , through the combination of homogeneous atoms; and that the sea is composed of homogeneous atoms is also evident in another way; for neither frankincense nor sulphur nor silphium nor nitre nor alum nor bitumen nor any other important and wonderful things occur in many places in the earth. In this way, therefore, it is easy to perceive this at any rate, that by making the sea a part of the world he maintains that it is produced in the same manner as the wonderful and most unexpected things in nature, on the view that there are not many differences in the earth; for to one at any rate who considers that flavours originated by reason of atom-forms, and saltness out of large and angular particles, it is not unreasonable . . .'

22. Probably σηπεδονος, as Diels suggests. δε πολλης επομενης αγε[λ]α[ζεσθαι] cannot be read.

26. α[. .] . . τα: αλμυρα is inadmissible. Diels' suggestion α[λλ]οκοτα (cf. ll. 32 and 38) is possible, but the vestiges before τ (which is nearly certain) do not suit oko at all well.

41. Blass well compares the discussion of Democritus' theories in Theophr. *De Sens.* 66 (Diels, *Fragm. d. Vorsokr.* p. 393) ἀλμυρὸν δὲ τὸν ἐκ μεγάλων καὶ οὐ περιφερῶν κ.τ.λ.

17. SAYINGS OF SIMONIDES.

Mummy 69.

27.7 × 15 cm.

Circa B.C. 280-240.

A single column, written in cursive, containing a series of wise sayings, which according to the heading at the top were by Simonides, on the subject of expense. This heading suggests that the collection is a fragment of an anthology, but whether the papyrus itself formed part of an extensive work is doubtful; for there are 3 cm. of margin on one side of the column and $2\frac{1}{2}$ on the other, without any signs of adjacent columns; on the left side however there is the junction of another sheet. The hand is a clear cursive which grows smaller in the last few lines; on the verso are parts of two columns of an account, which may be by the same writer. The date of the papyrus is about B.C. 250.

This Simonides, as the reference to the wife of Hiero (l. 4) at once shows, is Simonides of Ceos, who enjoyed a great reputation as a practical philosopher, and is ranked by Plato with Bias and Pittacus (*Rep.* i. 335 E). One of the sayings here recorded, which alludes to the poet's well-known miserly tendencies, explains a reference in the *Rhetoric* of Aristotle (cf. note on ll. 10-13). The others we have not traced, though some illustrations will be found in the commentary. A Vienna papyrus (Wessely, *Festschr. f. Th. Gomperz*, pp. 67-74) contains part of a similar collection of anecdotes about Diogenes.

ἀνηλωμάτων

Σιμωνιδου

- εὐδοκίμει δ' αὐτοῦ πρὸς ἀληθεῖ
 ἀν καὶ τὸ πρὸς τὴν Ἱερωνος γυ
 5 ναῖκα λεχθέν ἐρωτηθεῖς
 γὰρ εἰ πάντα γήρασκει καὶ
 ἐφη πλὴγ γέ κερδούς ταχιστά
 δε αἱ εὐεργεσίαι καὶ τὸ πρ[ο]ς
 τὸν πυνθανομένον διὰ τι εἰ
 10 ἡ φειδῶλος ἐφη διὰ τοῦτ' εἶναι
 φειδῶλος ο[τ]ι μᾶλλον ἀχθοί
 τὸ τοῖς ἀνηλωμένοις ἢ τοῖς
 περιούσιν τ[ο]υτῶν δέ ἐκα
 τερὸν ἦθος μὲν εἶναι φαν
 15 λὸν παρὰ δέ τας ὀργὰς καὶ

- τας ἀ[.] των ἀ[ν
 θρωπῶ[ν] λειν διοπε[ρ
 ουτε π[.] ουτε απλ[ως
 ειπειν [ἐξ αὐτῶ]ν ωφελεισθ[α]ι
 20 χαλεπον [δ εἶναι] το μη χρη
 σθαι τοις αὐ[του .] . . . ικοις αλ
 λα τοις αλλοτριοις
 το δὲ ἀνηλωθεν ολιγου μεν
 ειληπται προσαναλίσκεται δε
 25 το διπλασιον διο δει ελκειν τας ψηφους
 και το παρ αὐτου δανειζεσθαι
 οταν τηι αναγκαιαι και φυσικηι
 τροφηι χρησηται ωσπερ τα ζῷα
 απληι'

‘Expenses: Simonides. Esteemed also for its truth is his remark to the wife of Hiero: being asked whether everything grows old, he replied, “Yes, everything except love of gain, and benefits quickest of all”; and his answer to the question why he was frugal, which was that he was frugal because he disliked expenses more than savings. Each of these habits had a bad side, but was . . . owing to the passions and . . . of men. Therefore one was neither (harmed) nor strictly speaking benefited by them. But it was irksome to use other people’s property and not one’s own. Expenditure is reckoned of slight account, and twice as much is spent again; so one should draw back the counters (?). A man borrowed his own money when he used only necessary and natural food, as the animals do.’

4-5. About the last ten years of Simonides’ life were spent at Hiero’s court in Syracuse. Another reply made to Hiero’s wife is recounted by Aristotle, *Rhet.* ii. 16.

6-7. Cf. Plut. *Ap. Seni*, p. 786 B Σιμωνίδης ἔλεγε πρὸς τοὺς ἐγκαλοῦντας αὐτῷ φιλαργυρίαν, ὅτι τῶν ἄλλων ἀπεστερημένος διὰ τὸ γῆρας ἡδονῶν, ὑπὸ μιᾶς ἔτι γηροβοσκεῖται τῆς ἀπὸ τοῦ κερδαίνειν.

10-13. This is evidently the saying of Simonides referred to in Arist. *Rhet.* iv. 1 εὐκρινὸν γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ ἐλευθέριος εἰς χρήματα δύναται γὰρ ἀδικεῖσθαι μὴ τιμῶν γε τὰ χρήματα, καὶ μᾶλλον ἀχθόμενος, εἴ τι δέον μὴ ἀνάλωσεν, ἢ λυπούμενος, εἰ μὴ δέον τι ἀνάλωσε, καὶ τῷ Σιμωνίδῃ οὐκ ἀρεσκόμενος. Love of money was a favourite reproach against Simonides; cf. e.g. Aristoph. *Pax* 697-9.

17. Perhaps λυσιτε[λειν]. π or σ may be read in place of λ.

18. An infinitive having the sense of ‘injured’ is lost in the lacuna; the first letter may also be γ or μ, or perhaps α or λ.

20-2. The unpleasantness of dependence upon others is apparently here the point. Cf. Stob. *Ecl.* x. 61 Σιμωνίδης . . . εἶπεν, βουλοίμην ἂν ἀποθανῶν τοῖς ἐχθροῖς μᾶλλον ἀπολιπεῖν ἢ ζῶν δεῖσθαι τῶν φίλων.

25. ελκειν τας ψηφους is perhaps a technical phrase derived from account-keeping, but we have found no other example of it. According to Hdt. ii. 36 the Greeks in counting with ψῆφοι moved the hand from left to right, so ‘drawing in the ψῆφοι’ might mean ‘keep

on the credit side of the account.' Prof. Smyly makes an alternative suggestion that the phrase may be equivalent to the Latin *calculus reducere*, to take back a move (at draughts), to retire from a position, the meaning practically being διὸ δεῖ μὴ ἀναλῶσαι. But the expression would be extraordinarily fanciful and obscure if that is the sense. τὰς ψήφους ἐλκύσ[ας] occurs in P. Petrie II. 13 (6). 15, but since that papyrus relates to quarrying the meaning there is probably quite different.

26. It is not very clear whether δανειζεσθαι also is governed by δεῖ or whether καὶ το begins a new sentence, the inf. δανειζεσθαι reverting to the oblique construction of ll. 13-22; on the whole the latter view seems to give the better sense. Cf. Seneca, *De Benef.* v. 7. *M. Cato ait, 'quod tibi deerit, a te ipso mutuare', Ep. Mor.* 119, §§ 2 and 12 (Smyly).

29. The short oblique stroke after ἀπλη apparently represents a stop.

18. LITERARY FRAGMENT.

Mummy A.

Frs. (a) + (b) 9.2 × 5.9.

Circa B.C. 280-240.

The following small pieces of a literary work of uncertain character remain unidentified. Frs. (a) and (b) both come from the top of a column, but their relation is doubtful; the combination suggested in our text seems likely, but is far from certain. The resulting lines, so far as they go, will scan as the latter parts of iambic verses, and Blass seems to be right in regarding the fragments as derived from a comedy. The hand is slightly larger than that of 10-12, but is of a similar appearance, and probably dates from about the middle of the third century B. C.

Frs. (a) and (b).

| | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----------------|
| |] . ρωδες καθ[. . .] ηκυσαν[| |
| | ε]μπεφυκεν [αρμ]ονια τρο[| |
| |]ης και σκ . . [. .] . α και βα[| |
| | ο]μοιαν τανυ[. .] . ται γεν[| |
| 5 |]χι παντα [τα] σοφα γινε[ται | |
| | κα]τεργαζομ[εν]α και επιθ[| Fr. (c). . . . |
| |]υσει μικρο[ν α]νξησαι μ[| 16] παρα[|
| |] ψευδει τ[. . .] . αι διαπ[|] ουν π[|
| |]μοις τιθ[. . .] . υ . α ηπ[|]α . αφ[|
| 10 |]γαι ουχ ε . [. . .] τρ]οπων [|]α[|
| |]υτας δε[. . . .]μασο[| |

[ατος οδ[. . . .]κρον [
] . φς γιν[ετ'αι αμαθ[
]των [σοφ,ωτατα[
 15] . ενεχ[

1. The letter before ρ has a high projecting tip, which would suit e.g. γ , τ , or ν .
3. Probably $\sigma\kappa\iota\alpha$ or $\sigma\kappa\nu\theta$.

II. FRAGMENTS OF EXTANT CLASSICAL

19. HOMER, *Iliad* II and III.

Mummy A. Fr. (l) 11.1 x 11 cm. Circa B.C. 285-250. PLATE VI (Fr. 1).

Twenty-three fragments, of which nine very small ones remain unidentified, containing parts of 105 lines from Books ii and iii of the *Iliad*. The writing is a handsome uncial, Ω still retaining a tendency to approximate to the epigraphic form, € and O being written very small, M and Π very large. It represents one of the earlier types of literary hands in the present volume and, like 26, much more probably belongs to the reign of Philadelphus than to that of Euergetes.

In common with **21** and **22**, both of which are fragments of MSS. already in part known from other pieces published in P. Grenf. II (cf. p. 5), **19**, of which no published fragments exist, is remarkable for its variations from the ordinary text of the *Iliad*, especially in the insertion of additional lines, of which there are at least 12 or 13. Four of these expand a line describing the impartiality of Zeus (Γ 302), and three the description of Menelaus arming himself (Γ 339). As is the case with most of the additions in early Ptolemaic Homer fragments, where the 'new' lines in **19** are sufficiently well preserved to be intelligible, they are generally found to have been derived with little or no alteration from other passages in Homer; and many of the variants are also due to the influence of parallels, one conventional phrase being substituted for another, e.g. in Γ 361. Of the readings peculiar to **19** some are probably errors, e.g. the nominative

ειρηνῇ in B 797, the amusing variant εἰσοροῶν for ἀψ ὁρόων in Γ 325, and ηκε for ἦλθε in Γ 357; but others are quite defensible, e.g. B 826 [των αυ]θ ηγεμονευ[ε for Τρῶες τῶν αὐτ' ἦρχε, and Γ 304 Δαρδανοὶ ηδ [ε]πικ[ουροὶ for ἐϋκνήμιδες Ἀχαιοί; and though none of the new readings can quite definitely be called an improvement, one of the additional lines inserted after Γ 302 (302 b) tends to support a conjecture of Nauck in B 39, from which Γ 302 b is derived.

Comparing the text of the papyrus with what is known about the readings of the Alexandrian critics, 19 has three lines (B 673-5) of which two were athetized and one omitted by Zenodotus, and two other lines (B 724-5) which he athetized, but agrees with him in reading μαρτυρες (Γ 280), where Aristarchus had μάρτυροι, while in Γ 295 19 agrees with Aristarchus in reading ἀφυσσομενοὶ, not ἀφυσσάμενοι, but contains five lines (B 791-5) obelized by him; and no particular connexion is traceable between this text and that of the chief Alexandrian grammarians. Nor does 19 exhibit any marked affinity to the text of other and later Homeric papyri which partly cover the same ground, the most important being the Bodleian Homer discovered in the Fayûm, P. Brit. Mus. 126 and P. Oxy. 20. It is specially noteworthy that the new line inserted in P. Oxy. 20 after B 798 is absent in 19, which also differs from P. Oxy. 20 in B 795 and 797. Among other peculiarities of the papyrus are its preferences for augmented forms, e.g. Γ 296 ηυχοντο, Γ 370 ειλκε, Γ 371 ηγχε, and for φη in place of ῥ (Γ 355 and 369).

The supplements of lacunae in 19-21 and 23 follow the text of Ludwig; in 22 that of La Roche.

In P. Grenf. II. pp. 12-13 we gave, in connexion with those fragments belonging to 20, 21, and 22 which were published in 1897, our views upon some of the problems arising from the great variations in early Ptolemaic texts of Homer. Our contentions, in common with the much more far-reaching claims advanced by some critics upon the earlier discovery of the Petrie and Geneva fragments, were subjected to a searching examination by Prof. A. Ludwig in his exhaustive discussion of the subject, *Die Homervulgata als voralexandrinisch erwiesen*. The main objects of that work were (1) to dispose of the idea that the texts of the early Homeric papyri represented the pre-Alexandrian condition of the poems, out of which the vulgate was produced by the labours of the Alexandrian critics; (2) to show from a detailed investigation of the Homeric quotations in writers of the fifth and fourth centuries B. C. that the texts used by them substantially agreed with the vulgate; and (3) to deny practically any critical value to the early papyrus fragments, which exhibit neither the vulgate nor the critical texts, but an 'erweiterte oder wilde' category of Ptolemaic MSS. (p. 66). We take the present opportunity therefore of restating our views in the light of Ludwig's criticisms and the new evidence.

The present volume supplies additional fragments (20-22) of P. Grenf. II. 2-4, and pieces of two previously unknown Homeric papyri, 19 and 23. In the case of 21 and 22 the published fragments had already proved with sufficient clearness the existence of great divergences from the vulgate, and the newly discovered pieces merely provide further illustrations of the same tendency, which is particularly marked in the case of 21. 20, however, of which there are now extant parts of 71 lines in all, enables us to form a fairer estimate of the real nature of the MS. hitherto represented only by P. Grenf. II. 3, parts of Δ 109-13 containing no variations from the vulgate. So far as the insertion of new lines is concerned, 20 still seems to be more free from expansions than 19, 21, and 22, since the insertion of a line after Δ 69 is more than balanced by the omission of three lines which are found in the ordinary texts. The total number of lines is thus two less than in the corresponding portions of the vulgate, but on the other hand the existence in this MS. of numerous variations similar in character to those found in 19, 21, and 22 is now clear; for although the fragments of 20 are very small and most of the lines are represented by a few letters only, there are several noteworthy variants. Considering that additional lines tend to be very unevenly distributed, especially in 19 and 21, the circumstance that only one happens to occur in the extant pieces of 20 is quite compatible with the possibility that this text presented the same characteristics as those found with it; but the *prima facie* evidence is in favour of drawing a marked distinction between 20 and its companions, and probably that papyrus represents either a text which has been subjected to critical revision, especially by the omission of many superfluous lines, or else a tradition which from its origin was relatively free from interpolations, being in this respect perhaps superior even to the vulgate. In any case 20 certainly cannot be claimed to represent the vulgate. Both the two new papyri, 19, with 12 or 13 new lines out of 105, and 23, with 3 out of 30, exhibit the same degree of divergence from the vulgate as 21 and 22, 23 being of particular importance because it is the only early Ptolemaic fragment of the *Odyssey*, the text of which seems to have been in as fluctuating a condition as that of the *Iliad*. With regard to the later Ptolemaic period there is now a little more evidence for determining the date at which the vulgate superseded other texts. P. Fay. 4 (Θ 332-6 and 362-8) and P. Tebt. 4 (B 95-210, with Aristarchean signs) both belong to the latter part of the second century B.C., and agree fairly closely with the vulgate, at any rate as to the number of lines, whereas the numerous Homeric fragments of the Roman period published in recent years very rarely contain new verses, and serve to illustrate only too well the overwhelming predominance of the vulgate. Since the Geneva fragment, which is a MS. of the same type as the third century B.C.

fragments, belongs to the second century B.C., probably the earlier half of it, the dividing line, after which the tendency for Homeric papyri to vary from the vulgate rapidly diminishes, would seem to be best placed about B.C. 150 or even earlier, rather than at the end of the Ptolemaic period.

Briefly, therefore, the situation is as follows. There are extant fragments of six different papyri earlier than B.C. 200, most of them certainly, and perhaps all, earlier than B.C. 240 (the doubts expressed by Ludwich, *op. cit.*, pp. 9-10, as to the early date of the Petrie fragment, though justified by some remarks of the first editor, have become, through the advance in knowledge of the palaeography of early Greek papyri, quite baseless). Of these six, one comes from the Fayûm, four from either the Heracleopolite or Oxyrhynchite nome, not improbably Oxyrhynchus itself, one (23) from the Heracleopolite nome. Five of them belong to the *Iliad*, one to the *Odyssey*; and all six exhibit very marked divergences from the text of the vulgate, particularly in the insertion of new lines. These are distributed through five of the papyri unevenly, in proportions ranging from one new line out of four in 21 to one line out of about twelve in 22, but are much less conspicuous in the sixth (20), which, so far as it goes, exhibits a shorter text than the vulgate. In the fragments of the second century B.C. there is only one which shows similar characteristics to the same extent; and by the end of that century the vulgate, so far as can be judged, seems to have almost attained to that pre-eminence which is attested by plentiful evidence in the Roman period.

From these facts we should draw the following conclusions:—

(1) The effect of the new evidence afforded by the present volume is to confirm and amplify the evidence regarding the characteristics already known to exist in early Ptolemaic Homeric fragments, and to reduce still further the probability that the prevalence of these divergences is due to chance. It could formerly be maintained that, side by side with the 'eccentric' traditions represented by the papyri, there were circulating in the Fayûm (the supposed provenance of all the previously known fragments) as many or even more texts representing the vulgate, and that, taking the Homeric papyri earlier than B.C. 150, the majority of 4 to 1 in favour of the 'eccentric' traditions gave quite an unfair idea of their preponderance. The majority in favour of the 'eccentric' traditions has now become 6 to 1, while even the one exception (20) is not the vulgate text; and the area in which there is evidence for their currency has been extended, so that the probability that the extant fragments illustrate not unfairly the prevailing texts in Upper Egypt is greatly strengthened. Whoever and wherever the readers of the vulgate in the third century B.C. may have been, they certainly do not seem to have included more than the minority, if any at all, of the Greek settlers in Upper Egypt. Accordingly we adhere more strongly

than ever, in spite of Ludwich's objections (*op. cit.*, p. 188), to the view (P. Grenf. II. p. 12) that 'if there was any one tradition generally accepted in Egypt in the third century B.C., it was at any rate not our vulgate. . . . It is clear that the rise of the vulgate into general acceptance took place in the interval (between B.C. 150 and 30).' The point of view implied by that sentence is rather seriously misunderstood by Ludwich. He supposes (*ibid.*) that we wished to maintain 'dass unsere Homervulgata . . . erst in der zweiten Hälfte der Alexandrinerzeit entstanden ist,' a hypothesis which runs counter to the main argument of his book, that the vulgate was in existence long before the third century B.C. But though his presentation of the case against the position that the vulgate was not yet in existence when the early papyri were written leaves nothing to be desired in thoroughness, it does not affect our contention which was something quite different. What we meant and what in fact we said in the passage quoted above, though perhaps with insufficient clearness, was not that the rise of the vulgate took place after B.C. 150, but that its *rise into general acceptance* occurred after that date, i.e. that it did not supersede the 'eccentric' traditions until then, the evidence indicating that the text generally accepted in Egypt in the early Ptolemaic period was not the vulgate. And this we believe more firmly than before. The question how and when the vulgate, whether identical or not with the text called by Didymus and Aristonicus the *κοινή*, took its origin is another point; and even granting Ludwich's contention that the vulgate is substantially the text quoted by the fifth and fourth century Greek authors (which is by no means certain), so far from there being any evidence that in the earlier Ptolemaic period the vulgate was the normal text in circulation through Egypt apart from Alexandria, there is now fresh proof to the contrary.

(2) A more satisfactory comparison of the 'eccentric' texts with those of the chief critical editions is now possible, because among the Homeric fragments contained in the present volume, unlike those in P. Grenf. II, there are several passages in which the readings of the Alexandrian critics are known. On the whole the new evidence does not suggest any particular connexion between the 'critical' and the 'eccentric' texts, and supports our previously expressed view that, beside the enormous differences between the vulgate and these papyri, its disagreements with the text of Zenodotus and Aristarchus appear comparatively insignificant. Through the publication of Ludwich's most valuable collection of Homeric citations in fifth and fourth century B.C. authors, the position which these occupy in relation to the vulgate and the 'eccentric' texts can now be estimated. Ludwich's statistics (*op. cit.*, pp. 140-1) show that out of 480 verses quoted by various authors before B.C. 300 only 9-11 are not found in the vulgate; from which he concluded (1) that the text used by the pre-Alexandrian writers

was much nearer to the vulgate than were the 'eccentric' traditions, and (2) that so far from the Homeric tradition being in a chaotic condition before the time of the Alexandrian grammarians, most of the pre-Alexandrian writers (24 or 25 out of 29) already used the vulgate, not the 'eccentric' texts. Without advocating the extreme position maintained on the appearance of the Petrie Homer fragment by some critics who denied the existence of the vulgate text at all before the Alexandrian period, and admitting that the fifth and fourth century B.C. quotations are on the whole slightly nearer the vulgate than are the 'eccentric' texts, we have less confidence than Ludwig in the inferences which he bases upon his figures. It is quite true that the average of new lines in the 'eccentric' texts (about 70 in 547 lines¹, i.e. 1 in every 8 approximately) is higher than that in the quotations (about 1 in 48), and if the new lines in the 'eccentric' text had been at all evenly distributed the argument from the difference in the averages would have considerable weight. But, as we pointed out in *P. Grenf. II.* p. 13, and as is again clearly illustrated by 19 and 21, the additional lines are distributed very unevenly. They tend to come at points where the thread of the narrative is loose, and to occur in batches; and between the premiss that there are few of them to be found in the pre-Alexandrian quotations and the conclusion that the texts from which those quotations are derived were free from extensive insertions of new lines, there is a broad gap, over which Ludwig's bridge is very insecure, as will appear more clearly from an instance. In 19 there are 12 additional lines out of 105, but of the 13 fragments (treating Frs. (*m*) and (*z*) as one) 7 have no additional lines at all, and 8 out of the 12 additional lines occur on 2 fragments. Similarly in 21 (Θ) there are (including *P. Grenf. II.* 2) at least 26 new lines out of 105, a proportion of 1 in 4; but 9 of these occur after l. 65, 4 before and 4 after l. 55, and 4 after l. 52: throughout the other passages additional lines are scarce. It is obvious that several citations might be made from the extant fragments of 19 and 21, particularly quotations of 2 or 3 lines such as figure largely in Ludwig's list, without in the least betraying the fact that the average proportion of new lines in 19 is 1 in 8 or 9 and in 21 is actually 1 in 4, and that if only one or two short quotations were made from 19 or 21 the chances against the true average being indicated are very considerable, especially as the additional lines are seldom very striking. Moreover, of the 29 authors who appear in Ludwig's list, and 25 of whom he claims as supporting the vulgate, those who are represented by more than 3 quotations and 10 lines in all (when the evidence is less than that it is really too slight to be of much value) number only 7, and 2 of these 7 (Aeschines and Aristotle),

¹ In this calculation we omit 20 for the reasons explained on p. 69, but include the Geneva fragment, which contains 9-13 new lines out of 77.

and possibly a third (Diogenes of Sinope), make quotations containing extra lines, indicating that if they sometimes quoted from the vulgate they also at other times quoted from the 'eccentric' texts. The question of the relation of the quotations in fifth or fourth century B.C. authors to the vulgate can only be decided satisfactorily if a sufficient amount of the 'eccentric' traditions is recovered to make possible a direct comparison between it and the quotations. Passages in which the pre-Alexandrian quotations happen to coincide with the extant fragments of the 'eccentric' texts are naturally very rare, but one occurs in Θ 20-2, where Aristotle (π. ζῶων κιν. 4. p. 699 B, 35) transposes ll. 20 and 22 of the vulgate, whereas 21 agrees with the vulgate with regard to the order. There is however a quotation in Plutarch (*Consol. ad Apoll.* 30) of a passage which is partly preserved in P. Grenf. II. 4 (Ψ 223), and in this it is curiously significant that Plutarch's text had an additional line which is also found in the papyrus. And if a writer as late as Plutarch was using a text which apparently resembled the 'eccentric' class long after the pre-eminence of the vulgate was unquestioned, have we the right to believe in the widespread circulation of the vulgate any earlier than the date attested by strong and direct evidence? The papyri, as we have shown, lend no support to the vulgate until the second century B.C.; and the quotations from fifth and fourth century B.C. authors are for the most part so small and so easily reconcilable with an inference exactly opposite to that drawn from them by Ludwich, as to be quite inconclusive. To maintain, therefore, as Ludwich proposes, in the face of the four additional lines added to Θ in the Pseudo-Platonic *Alcibiades* II and the quite different version of Ψ 77-91 in Aeschines' speech against Timarchus, in spite of the consensus of the early Ptolemaic papyri and notwithstanding the obviously hazardous character of an argument from averages based on comparatively few instances, the thesis 'dass es ganz unmöglich ist, die Existenz und die überwiegende Herrschaft dieses Vulgärtextes für die voralexandrinische Zeit zu leugnen,' seems to us a considerable exaggeration. In this, as in several other respects, the truth would seem to lie between the two extremes represented by Ludwich and the critics whom he was chiefly opposing. However unwelcome it may be, the fact remains that the history of the Homeric vulgate prior to B.C. 150 is still involved in very great obscurity, and dogmatism of any kind is to be deprecated. Before B.C. 200 we can distinguish a certain number of texts, represented either by papyri or by quotations, which certainly were not the vulgate, and a much larger number of texts, represented however only by quotations, which may or may not have been the vulgate. Until we know what were the readings of the 'eccentric' texts in the passages corresponding to these quotations, and whether they coincided or not with the

vulgate, the agreement between the quotations and the vulgate do not prove much, since the 'eccentric' texts often agree with the vulgate in the matter of lines throughout quite long passages. The extreme view that the vulgate was the creation of Alexandria is rightly rejected by Ludwich; for there is evidence to show that much of the Alexandrian criticism failed to influence the vulgate, and it is on general grounds unlikely that the vulgate could have attained its pre-eminence by B.C. 150 if it had only come into existence in the previous century. That some of the texts represented by the fifth and fourth century B.C. quotations were of the same character as the vulgate is likely enough. But that it had any right to the title of the 'common' text before the second century B.C. is extremely disputable. So far as the evidence goes at present, the use of the vulgate text seems to have been rather the exception than the rule down to B.C. 200.

(3) This brings us to another point. What were the causes of the rise of the vulgate into pre-eminence? For Ludwich, who regards the vulgate as already firmly established when the text of Homer first emerges from the mists of antiquity in the fifth century, the answer is easy. But if we are right in thinking that in the fifth and fourth centuries B.C. the text which became the vulgate was fiercely competing with other texts which tended to be much longer, and that it only achieved the victory about B.C. 200, something more than its intrinsic merits would seem to be required to account for its success. If the 'eccentric' texts, which are, we think, as old as the vulgate, were good enough not only for Aeschines and the author of *Alcibiades II*, but for the first three generations of Greek settlers in Upper Egypt, why were they abandoned by the succeeding generations? It is very difficult to acquit the Alexandrian Museum of having had some part in the matter, at any rate in Egypt itself, and to disconnect entirely, as Ludwich wishes, the foundation of the chief University of antiquity from the great changes wrought during the next century and a half in the ordinary copies of the text of that author who was more studied than any other. Of the general teaching received by students of Homer at the Museum very little is known except the views of particular grammarians on particular points; and the fact that very few of the readings preferred by the great critics seem to have affected the text of the vulgate is by no means inconsistent with the hypothesis that the influence of the Museum, as a whole, in some way tended to foster the reproduction of the vulgate in preference to the 'eccentric' editions. Here too, as we have stated, we have endeavoured to strike a mean between the position of those who contended that the Alexandrians created the vulgate and that of Ludwich, who denies that they were in any way responsible for its general currency.

(4) With regard to the value of the variants in the early papyri, the new

lines are in many cases no doubt interpolated from other portions of the poems, and the other differences are often due to the unconscious influence of parallel passages. Some of the new readings, however, especially the omissions in 20, are at least defensible, and in themselves as good as those of the vulgate, though none of those found in 19 and 21-3 has so strong a claim to be considered superior as that much-discussed variant $\omega\kappa\alpha\ \delta\epsilon\ \iota\rho\iota\varsigma$ (Ψ 198), found in P. Grenf. II. 4, in place of $\acute{\omega}\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\alpha\ \delta'\ \iota\rho\iota\varsigma$. That Ludwich rejects this is not surprising in view of his threefold classification of Ptolemaic Homeric MSS. (cf. p. 68) and his anxiety to deny any critical value to the 'erweiterte oder wilde' category. But in his continued preference for $\acute{\omega}\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\alpha\ \delta'\ \iota\rho\iota\varsigma$ in the face of the other reading Ludwich has not commanded general support ($\acute{\omega}\kappa\alpha\ \delta\epsilon\ \iota\rho\iota\varsigma$ is accepted, e.g. by Monro and Allen, though not by Leaf); and the attempt to limit the knowledge of the truth to particular families of MSS. to the exclusion of the rest is not likely to be more successful in the case of Homer than in that of other authors. One of the most valuable results of recent discoveries is the proof of the fallacy of pinning one's faith to one tradition. A comparison of the papyri of extant Greek authors with the corresponding portions of the mediaeval MSS. shows that the early texts (cf. e.g. 26 introd.) hardly ever favour in a marked degree any one of the later MSS. or families of MSS., while in the case of some authors, e.g. Xenophon (cf. P. Oxy. III. pp. 119-20), the papyri show that modern critics have often gone too far in preferring one family of MSS. to another, and prove clearly, what is apt to be sometimes forgotten, that the proper guiding principle in the reconstruction of the text of any ancient author is a judicious eclecticism. And though from the point of view of Homeric criticism of the twentieth century it may be convenient to label the texts of the early papyri as 'eccentric' or 'wilde,' it should be remembered that there was a long period during which this class probably formed the majority of texts in circulation, and that the similar variants existing in several of the quotations of Homer in the fifth and fourth century B.C. writers are now freed by the evidence of papyri from much of the suspicion of error which formerly attached to them. As was pointed out by Mr. Allen (*Class. Rev.* 1899, p. 41), it is now known that Aeschines and the author of *Alcibiades II* neither were the victims of imperfect recollection nor adapted passages to their own ends, but were quoting copies more or less resembling the texts of the early papyri.

Fr. (a).

B 174 [οὐτω δὴ οἶκον δὲ φίλην ἐς πατρίδα γαίαν
175 [φεύξεσθ ἐν νηεσσὶ πολυκλήισι πείσουτ]ες

- 176 [καδ δε κεν ευχωλην Πριαμῳ και] Τρωσι λ[ιποιτε
 177 [Αργειην Ελενην ης εινεκα πολλοι] Αχα[ιων
 178 [εν Τροιη απολοντο φιλης απο πατ^ριδος αιη[ς
 179 [αλλ ιθι νυν κατα λαον Αχαιων μηδε] τ [ερωει

179. For μηδε τ ερωει the first hand in P. Brit. Mus. 126 has χαλκοχιτωνων, which is possible here.

Fr. (b).

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 B 204 ουκ αγαθη π[ολουκοιρανη εις κοιρανος εστω
 205 εις βασιλευς ωι ε[δωκε Κρονου παις αγκυλομητεω

204. αγαθη: αγαθόν MSS.

205. ε[δωκε: so most MSS. δῶκε Aristarchus and a few MSS.

Fr. (c 1).

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 B 621 [υιες ο μεν Κτεατου ο δ αρ Ευρυτου Ακτ]οριωνος
 622 [των δ Αμαρυγκειδης Διωρης ηρχεν α]μυμων
 623 [των δε τεταρτων ηρχε Πολυξεινος θεοε]ιδης

The position assigned to this fragment, which was suggested by Blass, is almost certain. The remains of the first and third lines suit B 621 and 623, and though α]μυμων in l. 2 conflicts with the termination of B 622 in the MSS., the variant presents no difficulty. ἀμύμων occurs at the end of a line in B 876, but the ends of the other two lines are there different.

621. Ακτ]οριωνος: the MSS. are divided between Ἀκτορίωνε (Aristarchus) and Ἀκτορίωνος.

622. Διωρης ηρχεν α]μυμων: ἦρχε κρατερὸς Διώρης MSS. The reading of the papyrus avoids the spondaic ending of the verse.

Fr. (c 2).

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 B 673 [Νιρευς ος καλλιστος ανηρ] υπ[ο Ιλιον ηλθε
 674 [των αλλων Δαναων με]τ αμυ[μονα Πηλειωνα
 675 [αλλ αλαπαδνος εην πα]υρος δε οι εσπ[ετο λαος

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676 [οι δ αρα Νισυρο]ν τ ειχον [Κρα]παθον [τε Κασον τε
 677 [και Κων Ευρ]υπυλοιο πολιν [νησους τε Καλυδνας
 678 [των αυ Φειδ]ιππος τε και Αντ[ι]φ[ος ηγησασθην
 679 [Θεσσαλου νιε δυ]ω [Ηρα]κλειδαο [ανακτος

673. This line and 675 were athetized by Zenodotus, who omitted 674.
 675. εσπ[ετο: εἶπετο MSS. (except one which has εἶπετο).

Fr. (d).

B 715 [Αλκηστις Πελιαο θυγ]ατρων [ειδος αρισ]τη
 716 [οι δ αρα Μηθωνην κα]ι Θανμακιην ερατεινη[ν
 717 [και Μελιβοιαν εχον και Ολι]ζωνα τρηχειαν
 718 [των δε Φιλοκτητης ηρχεν τοξω]ν ευ [ε]ιδω[ς]
 719 [επτα νεων ερεται δ εν εκαστη πε]ν[τ]ηκοντα
 720 [εμβεβασαν τοξων ευ ειδοτες ιφι μαχ]εσθα[ι
 721 [αλλ ο μεν εν νησωι κειτο κρατερ αλ]γεια πασ[χ]ων
 722 [Λημνωι εν ηγαθει οθι μιν λιπον νιες Αχ]αιων [
 723 [ελκει μοχθιζοντα κακωι ολοοφρονος] υδρου
 724 [ενθ ο γε κειτ αχων ταχα δε μνη]σε[σθαι εμελλον

716. ερατεινη[ν: ἐνέμοντο MSS.

718. Zenodotus read here τῶν αὐ ἡγεμόνευε Φιλοκτῆτης ἀγὸς ἀνδρῶν.

722. The reading αιων is very doubtful, especially the α, and 31 letters are rather long for the lacuna ; in l. 723, which has 31 letters in the corresponding space, there are 7 omicrons, and in l. 724 only 21 or 22 letters are lost in the corresponding space.

724. This line and 725 were athetized by Zenodotus.

Fr. (e).

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 B 794 [δεγμενος οππο]τε να[υφιν αφορμηθειεν Αχαιοι
 794 α εις πεδιον Τρωεσσι φονογ κα[ι κηρα φεροντες
 795 [τωι] μιν αρ ειδομενη προ[σε]φ[η] ποδας ωκεα Ιρις
 796 [ω γερον] αιι τοι μυθοι φιλ[ο]ι α[κριτοι εισιν
 797 [ως τε πο]τε ειρηνη πολεμ[ος] δ αλιαστος ορωρεν
 798 [ηδη μεν] μαλα πολλα μαχ[ας] εισηλυθον ανδρων

- 799 [αλλ ου πω] τοιονδε τοσονδε [τε λαον οπωπα
800 [λιην γαρ φυλλο:σιν] ε[οι]κοτ[ες η ψαμαθοισιν

794. For the new line inserted after this cf. B 352 Ἀργεῖοι Τρώεσσι φόνον καὶ κῆρα φέροντες.

795. μιν αρ ειδομενη: μιν εισαμενη the Bodleian papyrus discovered at Hawara (collated in Leaf's edition), σ[φιν] εισαμενη P. Oxy. 20, μιν εισαμένη other MSS. Cf. λ 241, where ἄρα εἰδόμενος is found in a Vienna MS. in place of ἄρ' εἰσάμενος or ἄρα εἰσάμενος. Lines 791-5 were obelized by Aristarchus.

796. αει: so X; αἰεί other MSS. Cf. Γ 296.

797. [ως τε πο]τε ειρηνη: the restoration of the lacuna is uncertain. The beginning of this line seems to have given much trouble in early times. P. Oxy. 20 has ως τε ποτ επ [ειρηνης which will construe but not scan, the Bodleian papyrus ως τε ποτ ειρηνης which will scan and is defensible. The vellum MSS. mostly have ὥς ποτ' ἐπ' εἰρήνης, with the unmetrical variant ὥς τ' ἐπ' in three instances, and ὥσπερ ἐπ' in one. 19 is unique in having the nominative εἰρήνη, which can hardly be justified and may represent a corruption of the reading ως τε ποτ ειρηνης.

798. After this verse P. Oxy. 20 inserts from Γ 185 a new line ενθα ιδον π[λειστους Φρυγας α]νερας αιο[λοπωλους,

Fr. (f).

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B 813 τ[ην η] τοι ανδρες Βατιειαν κικλησκουσιν
814 αθαν[ατοι δε τε σημα πολυσκαρθμοιο Μυρινης
815 ενθα [τοτε Τρωες τε διεκριθεν ηδ επικουροι
816 Τρωσ[ι μεν ηγεμονευε μεγας κορυθαιολος Εκτωρ
817 [Π]ρ[ε]αμ[ιδης αμα τωι γε πολυ πλειστοι και αριστοι

Fr. (g)

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B 826 [των αν]θ ηγεμονευ[ε Λυκαονος αγλαος υιος
827 [Πανδ]αρος ωι και τοξ[ον Απολλων αυτος εδωκεν
828 [οι δ] αρ [Α]δρηστειαν νά[ϊον και δημον Απαισου
829 [και Πιτ]υειαν εχογ κα[ι Τηρειης ορος αιπυ
830 [των ηρ]χε Αδρηστος τε [και Αμφιος λινοθωρηξ

826. [των αν]θ ηγεμονευ[ε: the doubtful θ might be ε, but there is not room for [των αντ]ε. Most MSS. (including the Bodleian papyrus) read Τρῶες τῶν αὐτ' ἥρχε, a few having the

variants τ' αὐτ' or τ' αὖ. The papyrus version can be defended against that of the vulgate; for οἱ δὲ Ζέλειαν ἔναιον in 824 are in any case contrasted with Τρωσὶ μὲν ἡγεμόνευε in 816 and Δαρδανίων αὐτ' ἤρχεν in 819. But Τρῶες is, as Blass observes, in accordance with E 200 and 211, where Pandarus calls his people Τρῶες.

828. αρ: so A and some other MSS.; the Bodleian papyrus and the rest omit it.
ναῖον: τ' εἶχον MSS. The papyrus avoids the repetition εἶχον . . . ἔχον in 828-9.

Frs. (h) and (i).

PLATE VI.

Γ 277 [Ἡελιος θ ος πα]ντ εφοραι κα[ι παντ επακουει
278 [και ποταμοι] και γαια κ[αι οι υπενερθε καμοντας
279 ? [24 letters]ντα[
280 [υμεις μαρτ]υρες εστε φυλασσετε δ ορκια πι[ιστα
281 [ει μεν κεν] Μενελαον Αλεξανδρος κατα[πεφνηι
282 [αυτος επειθ Ε]λενην εχετω και κτημ[ατα παντα
283 [ημεις δ εν νη]εσσι νεωμεθα κουροι Αχαιω[ν
283 α [Αργος ες ιπποβοτον κ]αι Αχαιδα καλλιγυν[αικα
284 [ει δε κε τοι Μενελαος Α]λεξανδρον κατ[απεφνηι
285 [Τρωας επειθ Ε]λενην κ[αι κτηματ[α παντ αποδουναι

277. εφοραι . . . [επακουει: so P. Brit. Mus. 126 (-ρα corr. from -ρας) and Sch. Apoll.; ἑφορᾶς . . . ἐπακούεις other MSS. Cf. λ 109, μ 323 'Ἡελίου ὅς πάντ' ἑφορᾶ καὶ πάντ' ἐπακούει.

279. Lines 277-8 are on a separate fragment, the position of which in relation to the following one is not certain. The vestiges of the line preceding 280 are not reconcilable with any letters from the middle of l. 279 as given in our texts ἀνθρώπους τίνυσθον ὅτις κ' ἐπίορκον ὁμύσση, but whether the papyrus merely differed from the vulgate in that line or contained it and inserted one or more new lines afterwards cannot be decided. The combination γαία κ[αι οι υπενερθε καμ]οντα[s] is not admissible.

280. μαρτ]υρες: so Zenodotus and a few MSS.; μάρτυροι Aristarchus and the majority of MSS.

283. κουροι Αχαιω[ν: ποντοπόροισι most MSS. The line is not infrequently omitted. The new line inserted after 283 comes from Γ 258.

284. The MSS. have εἰ δέ κ' Ἀλέξανδρον κτείνῃ ξανθὸς Μενέλαος. The papyrus reading simply repeats l. 281 with the fewest necessary changes.

Fr. (k).

Γ 295 [οινον δ εκ κ]ρητηρο[ς α]φυσσο[μενοι δεπαεσσιν
296 [εκχεον η]δ ηυχοντο θεοις αει[γενετησιν

297 [ωδε δε τις ειπ]ασκεν Αχαιων τε Τρωων τ[ε]

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295. α]φυσσο[μενοι: so Aristarchus, A (second hand) and other MSS.; ἀφυσσάμενοι P. Brit. Mus. 126, A (first hand) and others.

296. ηυχοντο: εὔχοντο MSS. Cf. p. 68.

αει[γενετησιν: αἰειγενέτησιν MSS. Cf. B 796.

297. ειπ]ασκεν: the doubtful α might be δ or λ, but there is hardly room for even a narrow letter such as ι between it and σκεν. εἴπεσκεν is uniformly found in the MSS.

Fr. (I).

Col. i.

Γ 302 [ως εφαν ε]ν[χο]μενοι μεγα δ εκτυπε μητιετα Ζευσ
 302 a [εξ Ιδης βρον]των επι δε στεροπην εφεηκ[ε]ν
 302 b [θησεμεναι γ]αρ εμελλεν ετ αλγεα τε στοναχας τε
 302 c [Τρωσι τε και] Δαναοι[σι] δια κρατερας υσ[μ]ινας
 302 d [αυταρ επει ρ ο]μοσεν τε τελευτησεν [τε] τον ορκ[ον]
 303 [τοισι δε Δαρδανι]δ[ης] Πριαμος προς μυθον εειπ[εν]
 304 [κεκλυτε μεν Τ]ρωες και Δαρδανοι ηδ [ε]πικ[ου]ροι
 304 a [οφρ ειπω] τα μ[ε]θυμος ενι στηθεσιν αν[ω]γε[ι]
 305 [ητοι ε]γων ειμι προ[ο]τι Ιλιον ηνεμοεσσαν
 306 [ου γαρ κεν τλαιη]ν [ποτ εν οφθα]λμοισιν ορασθ[αι]
 307 [μα]ρναμ[ε]νον φιλο[ν] υιον Αρηιφιλωι Μενελαωι
 308 [Ζευσ μεν που]ν τ[ο] γ[ε] οιδε και αθανatoi θεοι αλλοι
 309 [οπποτερωι θα]νατοιο τελ[ος] πεπρωμενον εστιν
 310 [η ρα και ες διφρο]ν αρ[νας] θετο ισοθεος φως

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Col. ii.

325 εισορο[ων] Παριος δε θωως εκ κληρος ορουσεν
 326 οι μεν [επειθ ι]ζοντο κατα στιχας ηχι εκαστου
 327 [ι]π[π]οι αερσιποδες και ποικιλα τευχε εκειτο

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302. For this the MSS. have *ὡς ἔφαν οὐ δ' ἄρα πῶ σφιν ἐπεκράεινε Κρονίων*, which is expanded in the papyrus into five lines. The papyrus version of l. 302 comes from O 377 *ὡς ἔφατ' εὐχόμενος μεγά δ' ἔκτυπε μητίετα Ζεύς*.

302 a-d. For the restoration [εξ Ιδης βρον]των cf. Θ 170 *τρίς δ' ἄρ' ἀπ' Ἰδαίων ὀρέων κτύπε μητίετα Ζεύς* and Θ 75 *αὐτὸς δ' ἐξ Ἰδης μεγάλ' ἔκτυπε*. The supposed τ might be combined

with the supposed tail of the ν of $\epsilon[\nu]\chi\sigma[\mu]\epsilon\nu\alpha\iota$ in the line preceding so as to read $\lambda\phi\omega\nu$, but this arrangement is less satisfactory. $\epsilon\pi\iota$ followed by $\epsilon\phi\epsilon\eta\kappa\epsilon\nu$ is awkward, but the reading is almost certain; $\epsilon\tau\iota$ is inadmissible. The next two lines, $[\theta\eta\sigma\epsilon\mu\epsilon\nu\alpha\iota \gamma] \alpha\rho . . . \nu\sigma[\mu]\nu\alpha\varsigma$, are derived from B 39-40 $\theta\eta\sigma\epsilon\iota\nu \gamma\alpha\rho \xi\tau' \xi\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\epsilon\nu \epsilon\pi' \acute{\alpha}\lambda\gamma\epsilon\alpha$ κ.τ.λ., where Nauck had conjectured $\theta\eta\sigma\acute{\epsilon}\mu\epsilon\nu\alpha\iota \gamma\alpha\rho \xi\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\epsilon\nu \xi\tau'$, which seems to have been found in the papyrus. For the stock line $[\alpha\nu\tau\alpha\rho \epsilon\pi\epsilon\iota \rho \sigma] \mu\sigma\sigma\epsilon\nu$ κ.τ.λ. cf. Ξ 280, &c.

303. $\pi\rho\omicron\varsigma$: $\mu\epsilon\tau\acute{\alpha}$ MSS.

304. $\Delta\rho\delta\alpha\nu\omicron\iota \eta\delta [\epsilon]\pi\iota\kappa[\omicron]\nu\rho\omicron\iota$: $\epsilon\ddot{\upsilon}\kappa\nu\eta\mu\iota\delta\epsilon\varsigma$ 'Αχαιοί MSS. For the papyrus reading, which is as appropriate as that of the vulgate, cf. Γ 456, &c. The line which follows, $\theta\phi\rho' \epsilon\dot{\iota}\pi\omega$ κ.τ.λ., occurs (with $-\sigma\iota$ $\kappa\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\acute{\upsilon}\epsilon\iota$ for $-\sigma\iota\nu \acute{\alpha}\nu\omega\gamma\epsilon\iota$) in H 68, 349, 369, and Θ 6, being omitted in the last two instances by the better MSS. For the variant $\acute{\alpha}\nu\omega\gamma\epsilon\iota$ cf. I 703 $\theta\upsilon\mu\omicron\varsigma \acute{\epsilon}\nu\iota \sigma\tau\acute{\eta}\theta\epsilon\sigma\sigma\iota\nu \acute{\alpha}\nu\omega\gamma\eta$.

306. $[\sigma]\nu \gamma\alpha\rho \kappa\epsilon\nu \tau\lambda\alpha\eta\nu$ [$\pi\omicron\tau$: $\acute{\alpha}\psi$, $\acute{\epsilon}\pi\epsilon\iota \sigma\acute{\upsilon} \pi\omega \tau\lambda\acute{\eta}\sigma\omicron\mu'$ MSS.; cf. Ω 565 $\sigma\acute{\upsilon} \gamma\acute{\alpha}\rho \kappa\epsilon \tau\lambda\alpha\dot{\iota}\eta \beta\rho\acute{o}\tau\omicron\varsigma$].

310. $\delta\iota\phi\rho\omicron\nu$ $\alpha\rho[\nu\alpha\varsigma]$: the reading is very uncertain. Perhaps the papyrus had a new line here.

325. $\epsilon\iota\sigma\omicron\rho\omicron\omega\nu$: $\acute{\alpha}\psi \acute{o}\rho\acute{o}\omega\nu$ MSS. The variant, which makes Hector behave in a very unheroic manner, is probably a mere error.

Frs. (m) and (z).

Γ 337 a [13 letters] $\tau\eta\nu$ [

338 ? $\epsilon\iota\lambda\epsilon[\tau\omicron \delta \alpha\lambda\kappa\iota\mu\alpha]$ $\delta\omicron\upsilon\rho\epsilon \delta\upsilon[\omega \kappa\epsilon\kappa\omicron\rho\nu\theta\mu\epsilon\nu\alpha \chi\alpha\lambda\kappa\omega\iota$

339 $\omega\varsigma \delta \alpha[\nu\tau\omega\varsigma \textit{Μεν}] \epsilon\lambda\alpha\omicron\varsigma \textit{Αρηια} [\tau\epsilon\upsilon\chi\epsilon \epsilon\delta\nu\epsilon\nu$

339 a $\alpha\sigma\pi\iota\delta\alpha \kappa\alpha[\iota \pi\eta\lambda\eta] \kappa\alpha \phi\alpha\epsilon\iota\nu\eta[\nu \kappa\alpha\dot{\iota} \delta\upsilon\omicron \delta\omicron\upsilon\rho\epsilon$

339 b $\kappa\alpha\iota \kappa\alpha\lambda\alpha[\varsigma \kappa\eta\eta] \mu\iota\delta\alpha\varsigma \epsilon\pi\iota\sigma\phi[\upsilon\rho\iota\omicron\iota\varsigma \alpha\rho\alpha\rho\upsilon\iota\alpha\varsigma$

339 c $\alpha\mu\phi\iota \delta \alpha[\rho \omega\mu\omicron\iota\sigma\iota] \nu \beta\alpha\lambda\epsilon\tau\omicron \xi\dot{\iota}\phi\omicron\varsigma \alpha\rho\gamma\upsilon\rho\omicron\eta\lambda\omicron\nu$

337 a . The remains of this line are inconsistent with l. 337 $\textit{ἵππουριν' δεινὸν δὲ λόφος καθύπερθεν ἔνευεν}$. Perhaps the papyrus elaborated the description of the helmet in one or more new lines.

338. Here the MSS. have $\epsilon\dot{\iota}\lambda\epsilon\tau\omicron \delta' \acute{\alpha}\lambda\kappa\iota\mu\omicron\nu \xi\gamma\chi\omicron\varsigma \delta \omicron\iota \pi\alpha\lambda\acute{\alpha}\mu\eta\phi\iota\nu \acute{\alpha}\rho\eta\rho\epsilon\iota$, with an ancient variant $\acute{\alpha}\kappa\alpha\chi\acute{\epsilon}\mu\epsilon\nu\omicron\nu \delta\acute{\xi}\acute{\epsilon}\iota \chi\alpha\lambda\kappa\hat{\omega}$ (cf. K 135) attested by Schol. A, and perhaps $\epsilon\iota\lambda\epsilon[\tau\omicron \delta \alpha\lambda\kappa\iota\mu\alpha]$ κ.τ.λ. is a new line altogether, l. 338 occurring previously. Zenodotus athetized ll. 334-5 and inserted after 338 $\acute{\alpha}\mu\phi\iota \delta' \acute{\alpha}\rho' \acute{\omega}\mu\omicron\iota\sigma\iota\nu \beta\acute{\alpha}\lambda\epsilon\tau' \acute{\alpha}\sigma\pi\iota\delta\alpha \tau\epsilon\rho\sigma\alpha\nu\acute{\delta}\epsilon\sigma\sigma\alpha\nu$. For $\kappa\epsilon\kappa\omicron\rho\nu\theta\mu\epsilon\nu\alpha \chi\alpha\lambda\kappa\omega\iota$ cf. Γ 18, Λ 43 $\delta\omicron\upsilon\rho\epsilon \delta\upsilon\omega \kappa\epsilon\kappa\omicron\rho\nu\theta\mu\acute{\epsilon}\nu\alpha \chi\alpha\lambda\kappa\hat{\omega}$.

339. $\textit{Αρηια} [\tau\epsilon\upsilon\chi\epsilon \epsilon\delta\nu\epsilon\nu : \textit{Ἀρήϊος ἔντε' ἔδυνεν}$ MSS. For the papyrus reading cf. Z 340 $\textit{Ἀρήϊα τεύχεα δύο}$. The three new lines expand the description of Menelaus arming himself. For $\alpha\sigma\pi\iota\delta\alpha \kappa\alpha[\iota$ κ.τ.λ. cf. a 256 $\xi\chi\omega\nu \pi\acute{\eta}\lambda\eta\kappa\alpha \kappa\alpha\dot{\iota} \acute{\alpha}\sigma\pi\iota\delta\alpha \kappa\alpha\dot{\iota} \delta\upsilon\omicron \delta\omicron\upsilon\rho\epsilon$. 339 b $\kappa\alpha\iota \kappa\alpha\lambda\alpha[\varsigma \kappa\eta\eta] \mu\iota\delta\alpha\varsigma \epsilon\pi\iota\sigma\phi[\upsilon\rho\iota\omicron\iota\varsigma \alpha\rho\alpha\rho\upsilon\iota\alpha\varsigma = \Sigma$ 459 (cf. Γ 331), and 339 c $\alpha\mu\phi\iota \delta \alpha[\rho$ κ.τ.λ. repeats l. 334.

Frs. (j) and (n).

Γ 351 Ζε[υ ανα δος τει]σασθα[ι ο με προ]τ[ερος κακ εοργε
 352 διον Α[λε]ξανδρον κα[ι] ε[μ]ηις υ[πο] χειρσι δαμασσον
 353 οφ[ρ]α τις ερριγησι και ο[ψι]γονων [ανθρωπων
 354 [ξεινο]δοκ[ο]ν κακα ρεξαι ο τις φιλοτητα παρασχη
 355 φη ρα κα[ι] αμπεπαλων προiei δολιχοσκιον εγχος
 356 και β[α]λε [Π]ριαμιδαο κατ ασπιδ[α παντοσ εισην
 357 δ[ια με]ν ασπιδος ηκε φαεινης [οβριμον εγχος
 358 [και δια] θωρηκος πολυδαιδα[λου ηρηρειστο
 359 [αντικρυ δε παρ]αι λαπαρην δια[μ]ησε χιτωνα
 360 [ε]γχος ο δ εκλινθη και αλευατο κ[η]ρα μελαιναν
 361 Ατρείδης δ αορ οξυ ερυσαμενος [παρ]α μηρου
 362 πληξεν επαιξας κ[ορυ]θος φαλ[ον ιππο]δασειης
 362 α χαλκειης δεινον [δε κορυς λακεν αμφι δ αρ αυτη
 363 [τ]ριχθα τε και τ[ετρα]χθα διατρυφεν εκπεσε χειρος
 364 Ατρείδης δ ωιμωξεν ιδων εις ουρανον ευρυν
 365 Ζευ πατερ [ου τις σειο θεων ολωτερος αλλος
 366 η τε εφαιμη[ν τει]σασθαι Αλεξανδρον κακοτητος ?
 366 α διον Αλεξα[νδρον Ε]λενης ποσιν ηυκομοιο
 367 νυν δε μ[οι εν] χειρεσσιν αγη ξιφος εκ δε μοι εγχος
 368 ηιχ[θη] παλ[αμη]φιν ετωσιον ουδ εβαλον μιν
 369 φη και επαιξ[ας κορυ]θος λαβεν ιπποδασειης
 370 ειλκε δ επει[γομενος μετ] ευκνημιδας Αχαιους
 371 ηγχε δε [μιν πολυ]κεστος ιμας απαλην υπο δειρην

352. This line was athetized by Aristarchus.

354. *tis*: *κεν* MSS.355. *φη*: *η* MSS. Cf. l. 369.357. *ηκε*: *ηλθε* MSS. The use of *ηκειν* in such a context is not Homeric.

361. For this line the MSS. have 'Ατρείδης δὲ ἐρυσάμενος ξίφος ἀργυρόηλον. The papyrus reading corresponds to Φ 173, with the substitution of 'Ατρείδης for Πηλείδης.

362. *επαιξας*: *ἀνασχόμενος* MSS. Cf. l. 369. After *φάλον* the MSS. have *ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῷ* (*αὐτῇ* Aristarchus and *αἱ χαριέστεραι*) which probably came at the end of l. 362 *a*. For *χαλκείη* as an epithet of *κόρυς* cf. M 184, Υ 398, and for *ἵπποδάσεια* Γ 369, Δ 459, &c. For *δεινον* [δε κορυς λακεν] (suggested by Blass) cf. Δ 420 *δεινὸν δ' ἔβραχε χαλκός*, and Ξ 25 *λάκε δέ σφι περὶ χροῖ χαλκός*.

20. HOMER, *Iliad* III-V.

Mummy A. Fr. (a) 8×4 cm. Circa B.C. 280-240. PLATE VI (Frs. d, f, h).

Twelve small fragments containing parts of 66 lines from Books iii-v of the *Iliad*, forming part of the same MS. as P. Grenf. II. 3, a small fragment containing parts of 5 lines with no variants. 20 is much less remarkable than 19 and 21-3 for the presence of additional lines; only one is found (after Δ 69), and this is more than balanced by the omission of Γ 389, Δ 89, where the papyrus exhibits a striking agreement with Zenodotus, and E 527. The total number of lines is thus two less than in the corresponding portions of the vulgate, and, though most of the 71 lines are represented by only a few letters, there are several marked divergences from the ordinary text, e.g. in Γ 388, Δ 57, E 530 and 797. Owing to the rarity of additional lines 20 can hardly be placed in the same class as the other Homeric papyri in this volume (cf. p. 69); but it is clear that it differed widely from the vulgate.

The papyrus was probably written during the reign of Philadelphus.

Fr. (a).

Col. i.

Γ 347 [και βαλεν Ατρειδαο κατ ασπιδα παντοσ εισ]ην
 348 [ου δ ερρηξεν χαλκος ανεγναμφθη δε οι αιχ]μη
 349 [ασπιδ ενι κρατερηι ο δε δευτερος ωρνυτο χαλ]και
 350 [Ατρειδης Μενελαος επευξαμενος Δι πα]τρι
 351 [Ζευ ανα δος τισασθαι ο με προτερος κακ εοργ]ε

Two lines lost.

354 [ξεινοδοκον κακα ρεξαι ο κεν φιλοτητα παρασχ]ηι
 355 [η ρα και αμπεπαλων προει δολιχοσκιον εγ]χος
 356 [και βαλε Πριαμιδαο κατ ασπιδα παντοσ ει]σην

354-6. It is not absolutely certain that the ends of these three lines, which were originally on a separate fragment, are to be placed here. But]ηι followed after an interval of one line by]σην only suits this passage in Books iii-v. The difficulty lies in l. 355, εγ]χος, for the traces of the χ are very faint and the supposed ο is not joined at the top. But as no other letter is more suitable than ο and the surface of this fragment has suffered a good deal εγ]χος is probably right.

Col. ii.

- Γ 383 [α]ντ[η δ αυθ Ελενην καλεουσ ιε την δε κιχανε
 384 πυργ[ωι εφ υψηλωι περι δε Τρωαι αλις ησαν
 385 χειρι [δε νεκταρεου εανου ετιναξε λαβουσα
 386 γρ[η]ι [δε μιν ειкуια παλαιγενει προσεειπεν
 387 ειροκ[ομωι η οι Λακεδαιμονι ναιεταωσι
 388 ειρι[α — ∪ — ∪ μαλιστα δε μιν φιλεεσκε
 390 δευ[ρ ιθ Αλεξανδρος σε καλει οικον δε νεεσθαι
 391 κειν[ος ο γ εν θαλαμωι και δινωτοισι λεχεσσι
 392 καλ[λει τε στιλβων και ειμασιν ουδε κε φαιης
 393 ανδ[ρι μαχησαμενον τον γ ελθειν αλλα χορον δε
 394 ερχ[εσθ ηε χοροιο νεον ληγοντα καθιζειν

388. The MSS. have ἥσκειν (or ἥσκει) εἴρια καλά, μάλιστα δέ μιν φιλέεσκε with τῇ μιν εἰσαμένη προσεφώνεε δι' Ἀφροδίτῃ in l. 389, which is omitted by the papyrus and is quite unnecessary since Aphrodite is the subject throughout ll. 380 sqq. If the papyrus had προσεειπεν in l. 386, it probably had μαλιστα δε μιν φιλεεσκε in l. 388, in which case the beginning of l. 388 may have been ειρι[α ησκει καλα ογ ειρια καλ ησκεσκε ογ ειρι επεικεν καλα (cf. σ 316 εἴρια πείκετε), though none of these suggestions is satisfactory. An alternative to this arrangement is to read ειρια καλ ησκει προσεφωνεε δι Αφροδιτη in l. 388 with another word instead of προσεειπεν at the end of l. 386.

Fr. (b).

- Δ 19 [αυτις δ Αργειην Ελενην Μενελαος α]γοι[το
 20 [ως εφαθ αι δ επεμυξαν Αθηναιη τε και] Ηρη
 21 [πλησιαι αι γ ησθην κακα δε Τρωεσσι μ]εξεσθη[ν
 22 [η τοι Αθηναιη ακεων ην ουδε τι ε]ιπε

22. ε]ιπε: the vestiges do not suit π very well, especially as the space is rather narrow for this usually broad letter.

Frs. (c), (d), and (i), Col. i.

PLATE VI (Fr. d).

- Δ 55 [ει περ γαρ φθονεω τε κ]αι [ο]υκ [ειω διαπερσαι
 56 [ουκ αννω φθονεουσ] ηπει η [πολυ φερτερος εσσι
 57 [αλλα χρη και εμον κ]ρηναι [πονον ουκ ατελεστον ?
 58 [και γαρ εγω θεος ειμι] γενοσ δε[ε μοι] ενθεν οθ[ε]ν σοι
 59 [και με πρεσβυτατην] τεκετο [Κρονος] αγκυλομη[της
 60 [αμφοτερον γενεηι τε και ουνεκα] ση παρακοιτ[ις
 61 [κεκλημαι συ δε πασι μετ αθανατ]οισιν ανασσ[ε]ις

55-6. These lines were athetized by Aristarchus.

57. κ]ρηναι: or] φηναι. ἀλλὰ χρὴ καὶ ἐμὸν θέμεναι πόνον οὐκ ἀτέλεστον MSS. How the line should be restored is quite uncertain. πόνον οὐκ ἀτέλεστον may, as Blass observes, come from Δ 26 πῶς ἐθέλεις ἄλιον θεῖναι πόνον ἢ δ' ἀτέλεστον.

Frs. (e) and (f).

PLATE VI (Fr. f).

- Δ 67 [αρξωσι προτερο]ι υ[περ ορκια δηλησασθαι
 68 [ως εφ'ατ ουδ απι]θησ[ε πατηρ ανδρων τε θεων τε
 69 [αυτικ Αθηναι]ην επ[εα πτ]ερ[ο]εντα πρ[οσηυδα
 69 a [ορσε Αθηναιη κ]υδι[στη Τριτ]ογενεια
 70 [αιψα μαλ ες στ]ρα[τον ελθε] μετα Τρωας και Α[χ]αι[ους
 71 [πειραν δ ως κε Τρωες υπερκ]υδαντας Αχαι[ους
 72 [αρξωσι προτερον υπερ ορκια δ]ηλησασθα[ι

69 a. For κ]υδι[στη Τριτ]ογενεια cf. Δ 515 ὥρσε Διὸς θυγάτηρ κυδίστη Τριτογένεια. Considerations of space are against the restoration [ορσο Διὸς θυγατερ κ]υδι[στη, and it is not satisfactory to make Zeus address his daughter as Διὸς θυγατερ.

Fr. (g).

- Δ 80 [Τρωας θ] ι[π]π[ι]οδαμους και ευκνημιδας Αχαιους
 81 [ωδε δε] τις ειπ[εσκεν ιδων ες πλησιον αλλον
 82 [η ρ αυτις] πολε[μος τε κακος και φυλοπις αινη
 83 [εσσεται η] φ[ι]λο[τητα μετ αμφοτεροισι τιθησι

Fr. (*h*).

PLATE VI.

- Δ 86 [η δ ἀνδρι ἱκελῇ Τρωῶ]ν κατεδυσεθ ομι[λον
 87 [Λαοδοκῶι Ἀντηνοριδ]ῇ κρατερωι αἰχμ[ῆτηι
 88 [Πανδαρον ἀντιθεον δι]ζήμενη ἡυρε δ[ε] τ[ονδε
 90 [εσταοτ ἀμφι δε μιν κρατεραι σ]τιχες ἀσπι[στων
 91 [λαων οἱ οἱ ἐποντο ἀπ Αἰση]π[οιο ροαων

88. ἡυρε δ[ε] τ[ονδε] : so Zenodotus, omitting l. 89 like the papyrus ; εἴ ποιν ἐφεύροι | εὔρε
 Λυκίου υἱὸν ἀμύμονά τε κρατερόν τε (=E 168-9) Aristarchus, P. Brit. Mus. 126, MSS.

Frs. (*i*), Col. ii, and (*k*).

- Δ 98 [αἰ κεν ἰδῇ Μενε]λαον Ἀρη[ιον Ἀτρεὺς υἱον
 99 σφ[ι βελει δμηθ]εντα πυρ[ῆς ἐπιβαντ ἀλεγείνης
 100 ἀλ[λ ἀγ οιστ]ευσον Μενε[λαου κυδαλιμοιο
 101 εὐ[χεο δ Ἀπο]λλωνι λυ[κηγενει κλυτοτοξῶι
 102 ἀρνων πρωτογονων ρεξείν κλειτην ἑκατομβην

Fr. (*l*)=P. Grenf. II. 3.

- Δ 109 [του κερα] ἐκ κεφαλῆς ἐκκαί[δεκαδωρα πεφυκει
 110 [και τα μ]έν ασκησας κεραοξοος [ἡραρε τεκτων
 111 [παν δ εὐ λ]είη[νας χ]ρυσειν ἐπεθηκε κορωνην
 112 [και το μεν εὐ κατεθηκ]ε τανυσ[σαμενος ποτι γαιῇ
 113 [αγκλινας προσθεν δε σα]κεα σχε[θον εσθλοι εταιροι

Fr. (*m*).

- Ε 525 [ζαχρειων ανεμων οἱ τε νεφεα σκιοεν]τα
 526 [πνοιησις λιγυρησι διασκιδνασιν αεν]τες
 528 [Ἀτρείδης δ ἀν ομιλον εφοιτα πολλα κελευ]ων
 529 [ω φίλοι ἀνδρες εστε και ἀλκιμον ἦτορ ἐλε]σθε
 530 [ἀλλήλους τ αἰδεσθε κεδασθεισης(?) υσμι]νης

531 [αιδομενων ανδρων πλεονες σοοι ηε πεφα]ν[ται
 532 [φευγοντων δ ουτ αρ κλεος ορνυται ουτε τ]ις [αλκη

526. After this line the MSS. have ὡς Δαναοὶ Τρῶας μένον ἔμπεδον οὐδὲ φέβοντο, which is not necessary and may have come from O 622.

530. κεδασθείσης υσμι]νης: κατὰ κρατερὰς ὑσμίνης MSS. For κεδασθείσης cf. O 328, Π 306 ἔνθα δ' ἀνὴρ ἔλεν ἄνδρα κεδασθείσης ὑσμίνης. An alternative restoration is κατα κρατερῆς υσμι]νης; cf. Schol. T on N 383 (κατὰ κρατερὴν ὑσμίνην) τινὲς κατὰ κρατερῆς ὑσμίνης.

Fr. (n).

E 796 [ιδρωσ γαρ μιν ετειρε]ν ὑ[πο πλατεος τελαμωνος
 797 [ασπιδος αμφιβροτ]ης [τωι τειρετο καμνε δε χειρα
 798 [αν δ ισχων τελα]μω[ν]α [κελαινεφες αιμ απομοργνυ
 799 [ιππειου δε θεα ζυγο]ν η[ψατο φωνησεν τε
 800 [η ολιγον οι παιδ]α εοικο[τα γεινατο Τυδεus
 801 [Τυδεus τοι μικρος με]ν εη[ν δεμαs αλλα μαχητης
 802 [και ρ οτε περ μιν] εγω [πολεμιζειν ουκ ειασκον
 803 [ουδ εκπαιφασσειν] οτ[ε τ ηλυθε νοσφιν Αχαιων

797. αμφιβροτ]ηs: εὐκύκλου MSS.; εὐκύκλου ἢ ἀμφιβρότης Eustathius. ἀσπίδος ἀμφιβρότης occurs in B 389, M 402, and Y 281.

21. HOMER, *Iliad* VIII.

Mummy A. Height 22.7 cm. Circa B.C. 290-260. PLATE VI (Frs. and m).

A single fragment of this MS. also (cf. 20) was published in P. Grenf. II. 2, and was remarkable for several new lines. We are now able to add a number of other pieces, all from the earlier part of the book, and one of them actually joining the fragment which appeared in 1897 (cf. note on l. 216 a). That fragment proves to have been a very fair sample of the MS., for the newly recovered pieces differ widely from the accepted text, which is frequently expanded. As many as 21 new lines are inserted at intervals between l. 52 and l. 66, one of the additions consisting of 9 verses. This extraordinary rate of augmentation is not maintained, but it remains high throughout. The average

for the surviving fragments is about one new line in every four verses; for indications concerning some of the lost columns see note on l. 180. There are also a certain number of otherwise unrecorded variants, some of which are unobjectionable in themselves, though none is a definite improvement, unless *ᾠγοντο* in l. 58 may be so considered. The scribe as usual makes occasional mistakes; he wrote a small and rather curious sloping uncial hand, in which the archaic Ω is conspicuous. A specimen is given in Plate VI, in addition to the piece figured on the frontispiece of P. Grenf. II. We should assign the papyrus to the earlier part of the reign of Philadelphus.

Fr. (a).

- Θ 17 [γνωσετ επειθ οσον ειμι θε]ω[ν καρτιστος απαντων
18 [ει δ αγε πειρησασθε θεοι] πασα[ι τε θειναι
19 [σειρην χρυσειν εξ ουρα]νοθεν [κρεμασαντες
20 [παντες δ εξαπτεσθε θεο]ι πασ[αι τε θειναι
21 [αλλ ουκ αν ερυσαιτ εξ ουρ]ανοθ[εν πεδιον δε
22 [Ζηνα υπατον μηστωρα] ουδ [ει μαλα πολλα καμοιτε

Fr. (b).

- 24 [αυτη κεν γαιηι ερυσαιμ αυτη] τε θαλ[ασση (Col. ii)
25 [σειρην μεν κεν επειτα περι ριον Ου]λυμπ[οιο
26 [δησαιμην τα δε κ αυτε μετηορα] παντ[α γενοιτο
27 [19 letters ανθρωπ]ων τε [θεων τε
28 [ως εφαθ οι δ αρα παντες ακην εγε]ρον[το σιωπη]

Fr. (c).

- 29 [μυθον αγασσαμενοι μαλα γαρ κρα]τερ[ως αγορευσεν
30 [οψε δε δη μετεειπε θεα γλαυκωπ]ις Αθηνη
31 [ω πατερ ημετερε Κρονιδη υπατ]ε κρειο[ντων
32 [εν νυ και ημεις ιδμεν ο τοι σθενος ο]υκ [επιεικτον

Frs. (d), (e), (f), and (g).

Col. i.

38 [ως φατο μειδησεν δε πα]τ[η]ρ ανδ[ρ]ων τε θεων τε (Col. iii)
 38 a [χειρι τε μιν κατε]ρεξεν επος τ εφ'ατ εκ τ [ον]ομ[α]ζε
 39 [θαρσει Τριτο]γενεια φιλον τεκος ου γν τι θυμ[ω]ι
 40 [προφρονι μυθεομ]αι εβελω δε τοι ηπιος ε[ιν]αι
 41 [ως ειπων υ]π οχεσφι τετυ[σκε]το χαλκ[οπο]δ [ι]ππω
 42 [ωκυπετα] χρυσειαισιν εθε[ιρησι]ν κομ[ο]ωντε
 43 [χρυσον δ αυ]τ[ο]ς εδυνε περι [χροι γεν]το δ [ι]μασθλην
 44 [χρυσειην ευ]τυκτον εου δ [επεβη]σετο διφ[ρο]υ
 45 [μαστιξεν δ ε]λααν τω δ ουκ αεκοντε πε[τασθη]ν
 46 [μεσσηγυς γαιη]ς τ[ε] κ[αι] ουρα[νου] αστεροεν[τος]
 47 [Ιδην δε ικανε]μ πολυτιμ[α]κα μητερα θ[η]ρων
 48 [Γαργαρον ενθ]α δε οι [τε]με[νος] βωμος τε θυη[ι]ς
 49 [ενθ ιππους ε]στησε Κρονου παις αγκυλομ[η]τεω
 50 [λυσας εξ ο]χεων, κατα δ ηερα πουλυν εχ[ευ]εν
 51 [αυτος δ εν κορυφη]σι καθεζετο κυδει γαιων
 52 [εισοροων Τρωων τε πολιν και νηας Α]χαι[ων]

4 lines lost.

53 [οι δ αρα δειπνον ε]λοντο καρη κομοωντες Αχαιο[ι]
 54 [ριμφα κατα κ]λισιας απο δ αυτου θωρησσουν[το]
 54 a [28 letters]ισεσ . [.]ι
 54 b [16 letters μετα δε κρειων] Αγα[μ]εμνων
 54 c [ομματα και κεφαλην ι]κελος Δι τερ[πικερ]αυ[νω]ι
 54 d [Αρει] δε ζ[ωνην] στερνον δε Ποσειδαω[ν]ι
 55 Τρωες δ [αυθ ετερωθεν ανα π]τολι[ν] ωπλι[ζο]ντο
 55 a Εκτορα τ [αμφι μεγαν και αμνμον]α Που[λυ]δαμαντα
 55 b Αινεια[ν] θ ος Τρωσι θεος ως τιετο δημωι
 55 c τρεις τ Α[ντηνο]ριδας Πολυβον και Αγηνορα διον

Frs. (d), (e), and (h).

Col. ii.

55 d [η]ιθεον τε Ακα[μαντ] επιεικελον αθαναιοισιν (Col. iv)
 56 παυροτεροι μεμ[ασαν] δε και ως υσμινι μαχεσθαι
 57 χρηη αναγκα[ιη] προ τε παιδων και προ γυναικων

58 πασαι δε ωιγο[ντο πυλαι εκ δ εσσυτο λαος
 59 πεζο[ι θ ι]ππη[ες τε πολυς δ ορυμαγδος ορωρει
 60 οι δ οτε [δη] ρ ε[ς] χ[ωρον ενα ξυνιοντες ικοντο
 61 συρ ρ εβ[α]λον ρ[ινους συν δ εγχεα και μενε ανδρων
 62 χαλκ[εοθ]ωρηκ[ων αταρ ασπιδες ομφαλοεσσαι
 63 επλη[ντ αλλ]η[ληισι πολυς δ ορυμαγδος ορωρει
 64 ενθα δ [αμ] οιμω[γη τε και ευχωλη πελεν ανδρων
 65 ολλυντων τ[ε και ολλυμενων ρεε δ αιματι γαια
 65 *a* εν δ Ερις [ε]ν δε Κ[υδοιμος ομιλεον εν δ ολοη Κηρ
 65 *b* αλλον ζ[ω]ον εκ[ουσα νεουτατον αλλον αυτον
 65 *c* αλλον τ[ε]θ[ν]ηωτα κατα μοθον ελκε ποδοιιν
 65 *d* ν . [.]τ[

4 (?) lines lost

65 *i* . . [
 66 οφρ[α] με[ν ηω]ς ην [και αξετο ιερων ημαρ
 67 τοφρα μα[λ α]μφοτ[ερων βελε ηπτετο πιπτε δε λαος
 68 ημος δ η[ελιο]ς μεσ[ον ουρανον αμφιβεβηκει
 69 και τοτ[ε δ]η χρυ[σεια πατηρ ετιταινε ταλαντα
 70 εν δ ετιθ[ει] δυο [κηρε τανηλεγεος θανατοιο
 71 [Τρω]ν θ ι[π]ποδ[αμων και Αχαιων χαλκοχιτωνων
 72 [ελκε δε μεσ]σα λ[α]βων ρεπε δ αισιμον ημαρ Αχαιων
 73 [αι μεν Αχαι]ων [κηρες επι χθονι πουλυβοτειρη

Fr. (i).

180 [αλλ οτε κεν δη νηυσιν επι γλαφυρη]σι γενω[μ]αι (Col. ix)
 181 [μνημοσυνη τις επειτα πυρος δηιοιο] γενεσω
 182 [ως πυρι νηας ενιπρησω κτεινω δε κ]αι αυτου[ς]
 183 [Αργειους παρα νηυσιν ατυζομενους] υπο καπν[ου]
 184 [ως ειπων ιπποισιν εκεκλετο φαιδιμος] Εκτωρ

Fr. (k).

187 [Ανδρομαχη θυγατηρ μεγαλ]ητορος Η[ετιωνος]

- 188 [υμιν γαρ προτεροισι μελι]φ[ρ]ονα πυρο[ν] εθηκεν
 189 [οινον τ εγκερασασα πιειν οτε] θυμο[s] ανωγοι
 190 [η εμοι ος περ οι θαλερος ποσις] ευχομα[ι] ειναι

Fr. (l).

PLATE VI.

- 203 [οι] δε σοι εις Ελικ[ην] τε και Αιγας δωρ αναγουσι (Col. x)
 204 πολλα τε κ[αι] χαριεντα συ δε σφισι βουλεο νικην
 204 a [.] και μ[ι]
 205 [ει πε]ρ γαρ κ εθ[ε]λοιμεν οσοι Δαναοισιν αρωγοι
 206 [Τ]ρωας απ[ω]σασθαι και ερυκεμεν ευρυοπα Ζην
 206 a [. . .]μ[ι]

Fr. (m) with P. Grenf. II. 2.

Col. i.

PLATE VI.

-
 216 a [ενθα κε λοιγος εην και αμηχαν]α εργ εγ[ε]νοντο
 217 [και νυ κ ενεπρησεν πυρι κηλεωι ν]ηες Αχ[αι]ων
 218 [ει μη επι φρεσι θηκ Αγαμεμνον]ι ποτν[ι]α Ηρη
 219 [αυτωι ποιπνυσαντι θωω]ς στρυνα εταιρους
 220 [βη δ ιεναι παρα τε κλισι]ας και νηες εισ[ας]
 221 [πορφυρεον μεγα φaros ε]χων εγ χ[ει]ρ[ι] π[α]χειη

Col. ii.

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 249 παρ δε Δι[ος] βωμωι περικαλλει καββαλε νεβρον (Col. xi)
 250 ενθα πανομφαιωι Ζηνι ρεξ[ε]σκον Αχαιοι
 251 οι δ ως ουν ειδοντο Διος τερας [αιγιοχοιο
 252 μαλλον επι Τρωεσσι θορομ μν[η]σαντο δε χαρμης
 252 a Ζευς δε πατηρ ωτρυνε φ[α]λαγγας κυδει γαιων?
 252 b εισαν δε Τρωες τυτθον δα[ι]
 253 ενθ ου τις [προτερος Δαναων πολλων περ εοντων

Fr. (η).

- 255 a? [21 letters] . κειν[
 256 [αλλα πολυ πρωτος Τρωων ελε]ν αν[δρα κορυστην
 257 [Φραδμονιδην Αγελαον ο με]μ φυγα[δ ετραπεν ιππους
 258 [τωι δε μεταστρεφθεντι μ]εταφρεν[ωι εν δορυ πηξεν

Fr. (ο).

.
]εν ολεθρο[
] . ευστον[
] . ε [
] . δ[.] . . ιδο[

18. The line should end ἵνα εἴδετε πάντες, in place of which the papyrus evidently repeats πασαι τε θειναι from l. 20. This is no doubt to be regarded as a mere blunder.

22. Even if the final α of Ζηνα and μῆστωρα be left unelided (cf. e.g. l. 58), the supplement at the beginning of this line is shorter by two or three letters than in the foregoing verses. The difference, however, is not sufficiently marked to necessitate the inference that there was a variant here. Plutarch, *De Is. et Os.* 371 B, has καὶ μῆστωρα, which is unmetrical. In a quotation in Arist. *περὶ ζῴων κιν.* 4, p. 699 B 35 l. 20 is placed after l. 22.

25-6. These lines were athetized by Zenodotus.

27. The ordinary version of this line is τόσσον ἐγὼ περὶ τ' εἰρὶ θεῶν περὶ τ' εἴμ' ἀνθρώπων, but in the papyrus the letter after]ων is clearly τ not π, and, moreover, τοσσον . . . θεων would not fill the lacuna, which is of the same length as in the preceding lines. The verse therefore probably ended with ἀνθρωπων τε θεων τε, and περὶ τ' εἰμί was replaced by some synonymous phrase, e.g. τοσσον εμοι κρείσσον σθενος; cf. Φ 190 τῷ κρείσσων μὲν Ζεὺς.

28. Aristarchus athetized ll. 28-40.

30. The ν of Αθηνη has been corrected; the scribe apparently began to write a τ.

38-9. The vulgate here has τὴν δ' ἐπιμειδίσας προσέφη νεφέληγερέτα Ζεὺς· θάρσει κ.τ.λ. In the papyrus l. 38 apparently = E 426, O 47, and it is followed by the verse found also in A 361, E 372, Z 485, Ω 127. These two verses are not combined elsewhere in Homer. The margin is lost above both l. 38 and the corresponding l. 55 d, but if, as is practically certain, l. 55 d directly succeeded l. 55 c, ll. 38 and 55 d were the first of their respective columns. This conclusion, however, produces a complication with regard to the first column of the roll, which if it agreed with the ordinary text would have contained 37 lines, or 7 more than the column following it. Col. ii of Frs. (d)-(h) also apparently contained 30 lines, l. 73 being opposite l. 55 a; and though a certain variation is admissible, this will hardly account for a difference of 7 verses. Perhaps, therefore, there was an omission of three or four lines; or ll. 1-37 of the book may have been divided between two columns of which the first was a very short one, and the second contained several new lines, though none occur in what remains of it; or, again, the roll may have originally included Book vii. At the

end of l. 38 *a*, near the bottom of the final ϵ , is a short diagonal stroke, which may be accidental.

39. The supposed θ of $\theta\nu\mu[\omega]$ has perhaps been corrected. The vestiges remaining of the ends of this and the next line are very slight.

41. l. *τιτυσκειτο*.

42. *χρυσεαισιν*: *χρυσέησιν* vulg., as is normal.

45. *πε]τασθην*: this form is not found elsewhere, the aorist being always of the synco-pated type *ἐπτάμην* &c. *πετέσθην* MSS.

47-8. The ρ of *θηρων* is not very satisfactory, but as the ν is nearly certain, and the traces of the other letters suit well enough, we hesitate to suppose a variation from the accepted text here. Similarly with regard to *τεμενος* in l. 48, the vestiges hardly suggest *με*, but they are too slight to be conclusive.

49. According to the ordinary version this line ends *πατήρ ἀνδρῶν τε θεῶν τε*, in place of which the papyrus gives the synonymous stock phrase *Κρονου παῖς ἀγκυλομητεῶ* (Δ 75 &c.); cf. ll. 38-9.

52. There is a break in the papyrus below l. 50, and one line at least is lost between l. 50 and the vestiges which we have attributed to *Ἀχαιῶν* in l. 52. Between these vestiges and l. 53 there were four more lines, as is shown by the height of the margin. It is thus necessary to suppose the insertion of at least 4 new lines at some point between ll. 50 and 53. If *Ἀχαιῶν* is right, they occurred between ll. 52 and 53; but that reading is quite uncertain, and they may equally well have been inserted e.g. between ll. 50 and 51. Their source is in any case obscure, for the passage would admit of many forms of expansion; perhaps one of the additional lines was Θ 1, which was added before l. 53 by Zenodotus. It is possible that the loss between ll. 50 and 52 (?) is larger than we have supposed. But the column is already rather tall, and it is safer not to assume the insertion between ll. 50 and 53 to be longer than necessary. The corresponding passage in Col. ii gives no assistance, for the break there occurs in the middle of a series of additional lines, the precise number of which is uncertain; cf. note on ll. 65 *a* sqq.

54 *a-d*. 54 *b* *μετα δε...* 54 *d* correspond to B 477-9. These lines are preceded in B (476-7) by *ὥς τοὺς ἡγεμόνες διακόσμεον ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα ὑσμίνην δ' ἰέναι*, and it is of course possible that *ὑσμίνην δ' ἰέναι* stood at the beginning of l. 54 *b*; but *ἐνθα καὶ ἐνθα* cannot be read at the end of l. 54 *a*, nor would the commencement of B 476 be suitable to the present passage without some alteration. The connecting link between ll. 54 and 54 *b* must therefore be sought elsewhere. Unfortunately the remains of l. 54 *a* offer a very slender clue; the final letter is possibly ν .

55. *ὠπλι[ζο]ντο*: so most MSS.; *ὄπλ.* Aristarchus.

55 *a-d* = Δ 57-60, where the beginning of the preceding line *Τρῶες δ' αὐθ' ἐτέρωθεν ἐπὶ θροφσμῷ πεδίοιο* coincides with that of l. 55 in this book. There is not much doubt about the identity of l. 55 *d*, although none of the letters except the τ is perfect; cf. note on ll. 38-9.

57. *χρηη*: *χρειῶ* most MSS., but there is considerable authority for *χρεῖη*, for which *χρηη* would be an easy clerical error. *χρηη*, however, is itself defensible, since *χρηῖα* is attested by Hesychius as an Ionic form of *χρεῖα*.

58. *ωιγ[ο]ντο*: *ὠίγυντο* MSS., but *ὠ(ε)ίγοντο* is preferable as the older form; cf. the Lesbian infin. *δείγην*.

61. The first ρ , if it be ρ , has been corrected; *συν* cannot be read. Such an attraction of ν to ρ , though natural, is unusual.

65 *a* sqq. The identification of ll. 65 *a-c*, which are found in Σ 535-7 (cf. Hesiod, *Scutum*, 156-8), is due to Blass. The scanty remains of l. 65 *d* do not suit Σ 538, nor would that verse be likely to appear in the present passage. The extent of the lacuna between

ll. 65 *d* and *i* depends on that at the corresponding point in Col. i between l. 50 and the supposed vestiges of l. 52. If only one line is there lost, not more than 4 lines are missing here, but the lacuna may be larger in both cases; cf. note on l. 52.

73. This line and 74 were athetized by Aristarchus. There would be room for two more lines in this column, l. 73 being opposite l. 55 *a*.

180. This line is to all appearances the first of a column. Since the last line of the preceding column was probably l. 75 (cf. the previous note), there are 104 lines to be accounted for in the uncertain number of columns intervening between Frs. (*d*)-(*h*) and (*i*). If the average length of a column is taken as 30 lines (cf. note on ll. 38-9), three columns would contain 90 lines, four columns 120. That the papyrus version was shorter than the vulgate is highly improbable, its tendency being decidedly in the opposite direction. There were therefore four columns between ll. 75 and 180, containing additions which amounted to approximately 16 lines. Similarly there must have been an addition of about 7 lines between l. 184 and l. 203, which is again the top of a column.

183. The majority of the MSS. omit this line, which is printed in small type by Ludwich.

184. *φαιδιμος* *Εκτωρ*: *φώνησέν τε* MSS., a variant *μακρὸν αὔσας* being recorded by U. The new reading of the papyrus is in itself as good as either of these.

189. This line was rejected by Aristophanes and Aristarchus; cf. l. 73, note.

203. This line is the first of a column; cf. note on l. 180.

δε σοι: *δέ τοι* (*δέ τι*, *δ' ἔτι*, *δέ τ'*) MSS.

204. All that remains of the *κ* of *καί* is the vertical stroke, which could be read as an *ι*; but the second half of the *κ* may be supposed to have disappeared, as the papyrus is evidently rubbed.

204 *a*. Another new line, of which the remains are hardly sufficient for identification. There may, of course, have also been a variation in the termination of l. 204.

206 *a*. The vestiges of this line are inconsistent with l. 207 *αὐτοῦ κ' ἐνθ' ἀκάχοιτο καθήμενος οἷος ἐν Ἰδῇ*. The doubtful *μ* is possibly an *α*, in which case *κ* or *ρ* might be read in place of *ι*.

216 *a* sqq. The discovery of a new fragment which joins on to the first column of the piece published in 1897 in P. Grenf. II. 2 confirms the restoration there proposed. For the line *ενθα κε κ.τ.λ.* which precedes l. 217 cf. Θ 130 and Δ 310, where it occurs in a precisely similar context. *ἔργα γέγοντο* is the common reading, but *ἐγένοντο*, as in the papyrus, is found in two MSS. at the latter passage.

217. *νηες Αχ[α]ίων*: if *ενεπηρσεν* was written in l. 217 *νηες* is a mistake for *νηας* as in l. 220; but it is possible, as Blass suggests, that *ενεπηρσθεν* was substituted. *ἔϊσας* vulg. for *Αχ[α]ίων*, with *Ἀχαιῶν* at the end of l. 220. The papyrus transposes the epithets.

219. l. *οτρυναι. εταίρους*: *Ἀχαιοὺς* MSS.

220. *νηες εισ[ας]*: cf. note on l. 217. *ἔϊσας* is found also in Vrat. b.

251. *ειδοντο κ.τ.λ.*: cf. E 741-2 *Γοργεῖη κεφαλῇ . . . Διὸς τέρας αἶγ.* The ordinary reading is *εἶδονθ' ὃ τ' ἄρ' ἐκ Διὸς ἦλυθεν ὄρνις*.

252 *a-b*. These two lines are not found elsewhere in Homer. The supplement in 252 *a* is that proposed by Ludwich, *Homervulgata*, p. 58; for *φ[α]λαγγας* cf. Δ 254 and N 90, where the word follows *ᾠτρυνε*. But the verse may be completed in various other ways, e.g. *φ[ό]βον Τρώεσσιν ἐνόρσας*, as suggested by van Leeuwen. In l. 252 *b* the papyrus has *εισαν*, not *ειξαν* as printed in P. Grenf. II. 2. *εἶσαν . . . τυτθόν*, however, makes a very unsatisfactory combination, and *εισαν* may well be a mistake for *ειξαν*. In that case the line may be completed *Δα[ν]αιοισιν οπισσω* (Ludwich) or *Δα[ν]αων απο ταφρου* (van Leeuwen).

256. *ελε[ν] ανδρα*: or perhaps *ανδρα κ[ο]ρυστην*, though this does not suit the spacing so well. The remains of the previous line do not agree at all with l. 255 in the vulgate, *τάφρου τ' ἐξέλασαι καὶ ἐναντίβιον μάχασσθαι*.

Fr. (o). This fragment from the bottom of a column remains unidentified. *ολεθρος*, which is the only certain word, is found nowhere in the eighth book; either]*εν* or]*ον* may precede. In the second line either]*ευστον* or]*ενετον* may be read. The first letter is very indistinct, but does not seem to be ζ.

22. HOMER, *Iliad* XXI-XXIII.

Mummy A.

Fr. (c) 13.3 × 11 cm.

Circa B.C. 280-240.

This series of fragments of the *Iliad*, Books xxi-xxiii, as in the case of 20-1, belongs to a MS. of which other pieces have previously been published in P. Grenf. II. (no. 4)¹. In all there are parts of about 190 lines, a number which affords a sufficiently accurate estimate of the general character of the text. New verses appear sporadically, though never more than two are found together, and the proportion of them—at least 11 lines, perhaps 9 or 10 more, out of the 190, or about 1 in 13 probably—is much smaller than in 21. Other variations from the accepted text are not infrequent, the more remarkable being those at Φ 426, X 102, 110, 393, 442, 462, Ψ 129. Cf. introd. to 19.

The three books were written in the same hand, an upright rather large uncial, of which facsimiles are given in P. Grenf. II, Plates II and III, and which is probably of the reign of Philadelphus. The scribe was somewhat careless, and is guilty of several obvious slips. A correction by a second hand occurs in at least one passage (Ψ 129).

Frs. (a) and (b).

Book xxi.

Φ 421 και [δη αυθ η κυναμνια αγει βροτολοιγον Αρηα
 422 δηιου εκ πο[λ]εμοιο κα[τα κλονον αλλα μετελθε
 423 ως φατ Α[θην]αιη δε μ[ε]τεσσυτο χαιρε δε θυμωι
 424 και ρα [. . .] . ρσαμενη πρ[ος στηθεα χειρι παχειηι
 425 ηλασε τη[s] δ αυτου λυτο γου[νατα και φιλον ητορ
 426 [τω μ]ε[ν] αρ αμφω θεινε ποτι χθο[νι πουλυβοτειρηι
 427 [η δε αρ] επευχομενη επ[εα πτεροεντ αγορευε
 428 [τοιουτοι νυν π]αντες οσοι Τρω[εσσιν αρωγοι

¹ There are also a few small pieces at Heidelberg; cf. footnote on p. 5.

429 [ειεν οτ Αργειοισι μα]χοιατο κυδα[λίμοισιν

430 [ωδε τε θαρσαλαιο] και τλημονες [ως Αφροδιτη

Φ 422. There are horizontal marks like paragraphi below this line and 424, but there is other superfluous ink on this fragment, and a paragraphus below l. 424 would be out of place. Moreover, there are no other cases of its use in this MS.

424. και ρ' ἐπεισαμένη MSS., but this is certainly not to be read in the papyrus. The supposed ο before σαμενη cannot be correct, and was perhaps deleted; or it might be explained as a blotted σ, which would be more intelligible. Possibly ἐπεισσαμενη was written and the first σ afterwards cancelled; ἐπιμασσαμενη is unsuitable. There are ink marks above the line here, but they are more probably to be regarded as accidental than as an interlinear correction; cf. note on l. 422.

426. θεινε ποτι: κείντο ἐπί MSS., though some read ποτί for ἐπί. For θεινε (sc. Ἀθηναίη) cf. ι 459 θεινομένου πρὸς οὔδει.

429. κυδα[λίμοισιν; θωρηκτῆσιν οτ θωρηκτοῖσιν MSS,

Frs. (c) and (d).

Book xxii.

Col. i.

X ? [.] .
 ? [.] . [.]γειη
 77 [η ρ ο γερων πολιας δ αρ ανα τριχας ελκετο χ]ερσιν

Col. ii.

X 96 [ως Εκτωρ ασβεστο]ν εχ[ων μενος ουχ υπεχωρει
 97 [πυργω]ι επι προυχοντ[ι φαεινην ασπιδ ερεισας
 98 [ο]χ[θ]ησας δ αρα ειπε πρ[ος ον μεγαλητορα θυμον
 99 οιμοι εγων η με[ν κε πυλας και τειχεα δυω
 99 α λωβητος κεν ιο[ιμι] ?
 100 Πουλυδαμας μ[οι πρωτος ελεγχειν αναθησει
 101 ος μ εκελευεν Τρ[ωσι ποτι πτολιν ηγησασθαι
 102 νυκτα ποτι δνοφ[ερην οτε τ ωρετο διος Αχιλλευσ
 103 αλλ εγω ου πιθομην η τ αν πολ[υ κερδιον ηεν
 104 νυν δ επει ωλεσα λαο[ν ατασ]θαλιησιω εμησι[ιν
 105 [α]ιδεομαι Τρωιας κα[ι] Τ[ρωιαδα]ς ελκεσιπεπλους

- 106 μ[η] ποτε τις ειπησι̃ κα̃κω̃τ[ερος αλλος εμει]ο
 107 Εκτ[ωρ η]φ[ι βι]ηφι πι[θησας ωλεσε λαον
 108 ως [ερεουσιν ε]μοι δε . . δ̃ α[ν πολυ κερδιον ηε]ν
 109 [αντην η Αχ]ι[λ]ηα [κατακτειναντα νεεσθαι
 110 η [αυ]τ̃ω πι[ρο πολ]ηος ευκλειω[ς απολεσθαι
 111 [ει δε κε]ν ασ[πιδ]α̃ μεν [καταθειομαι ομφαλοεσσαν
 112 [και κορ]υθα βριαρην δ[ορυ δε προς τειχος ερεισας
 113 [αυ]τ̃ος̃ [ι]ω[ν Α]χιληο[ς αμυμονος αντιος ελθω

Col. iii.

- X 137 αυθι μενειν οπισ[ω δε πυλας λιπε βη δε φοβηθεις
 138 Πηλειδης δ̃ επορου[σε ποσι κραιπνοισι πεποιθως
 139 ηυτε κirkos ορεσφιν [ελαφροτατος πετεηνων
 140 καρπαλιμ[ως] ωρμη[σε μετα τρηρωνα πελειαν
 141 η δε τ̃ υπ̃αι[θ]α φοβε[ιται ο δ̃ εγγυθεν οξυ λεληκως
 142 τα[ρφε]α̃ επαισσει ν[
 143 [ως αρ ο γ̃ εμμ]εμαω[ς ιθυσ πετετο τρεσε δ̃ Εκτωρ

Fr. (e).

- X 197 [τοσσακι μιν προπαροιθεν αποστρ]εψασκεν Αχιλλε[υς
 198 [προς πεδιον αυτος δε ποτι πτολιος πετετ α]μ̃ει

Fr. (f).

- X 232 ? τη[ν δ̃ αυτε προσ̃ειπε μεγας κορυθαιολος Εκτωρ
 233 ? Δηιφοβ̃ [η μεν μοι το παρος πολυ φιλτατος ησθα

Fr. (g).

- X 247 [ως φαμενη και κερδοσυννη ηγησα]τ̃ Α[θ]ην[η
 248 [οι δ̃ οτε δη σχεδον ησαν επ αλλη]λοισιν ιοντες

- 249 [τον προτερος προσειπε μεγας κο]ρουθαιολος Εκτωρ
 250 [ου σ ετι Πηλεος νιε φοβησομαι ως το] παρος περ
 251 [τρεις περι αστυ μεγα Πριαμου διες ο]υδε ποτ ετλης
 252 [μειναι επερχομενον νυν αυτε με] θυμος ανωγει
 253 [στημεναι αντια σειο ελοιμι κεν η κεν αλ]οιην
 254 [αλλ αγε δευρο θεους επιδωμεθα τοι] γαρ αριστ[οι
 255 [μαρτυροι εσσουνται και επισκοπο]ι ερμον[ιαων
 256 [ου γαρ εγω σ εκπαγλον αεικιω αι κε]ν εμοι Ζ[ευ]ς

Fr. (h).

- X 326 τη ρα επι [οι μεμαωτ ελασ εγχει διος Αχιλλευσ
 327 [αν]τικρυ δ απ[αλ]οιο δι αυχενος ηλυθ ακωκη
 328 [ουδ αρ απ ασ]φ[αραγον μελιη ταμε χαλκοβαρεια

Fr. (i).

Col. i.

- X 392 a [και τ]εθνηοτα περ τοσα γαρ κακ εμη[σατ] Αχαιοις
 393 [.....]ιν μεγα κυδος επεφνομεν Εκ[τ]ορα διον

Col. ii.

- 426 Εκ[τ]ορος ως οφελεν θανεειν εν χερσιν εμησι

Fr. (j).

- X 441 [διπ]λακα πορφ[υρεην εν δε θρονα ποικιλ επασσε
 442 [αι]ψα δ αρ αμφι[πολοισιν εκεκλετ ευπλοκαμοισιν
 443 [αμφι π]υρι στη[σαι τριποδα μεγαν οφρα πελοιτο
 444 [Εκτορ]ι θερμα λ[οετρα μαχης εκ νοστησαντι
 445 [νη]π[ιη ο]υδ ενοη[σεν ο μιν μαλα τηλε λοετρων
 446 [χερσ] υπ Α[χι]λ[η]ος δαμασε γλαυκωπις Αθηνη
 447 [κωκυτο]υς δ ηκ[ουσε και οιμωγην απο πυργου
 448 [της δ ελ]ελιχθη γυ[ια χαμαι δε οι εκπεσε κερκισ

Fr. (*k*).

X 458 [η μιν ἐχεςκ ἐπει ου ποτ ἐνι πληθυι μ]ε[ν]ε[ν] [ανδρων
 459 [αλλα πολυ προθεεσκε το ον μενος] ουδε[ν]ι εικ[ων]
 460? [29 letters] . . [

Frs. (*l*), (*m*), and (*n*).

X 462 [αυταρ ἐπει Σκαιας] τε πυλ[ας και] πυργον ικανεν
 463 [εστη παπτη]νας επι τειχ[ει] τον δε νοησεν
 464 [ελκομενον προσθε]ν πολε[ως τ]αχες δε μιν ιππ[οι]
 465 [ελκον ακηδεστ]ως κοιλας [επι] ν[η]ας Αχαιων

Fr. (*o*).

X 513 [ουδεν σοι] οφε[λος ἐπει ουκ ἐγκεισεαι αυτοις]
 514 [αλλα π]ρος Τρω[ων και Τρωιαδων κλεος ειναι]
 515 [ως αρα ε]φη κλ[αιουσ επι δε στεναχοντο γυναικες]
 Ψ 1 [ως οι με]ν στεν[αχοντο κατα πτολιν αυταρ Αχαιοι]

x 77. Whether the two preceding lines are to be identified as ll. 75-6 is doubtful. The traces at the end of the former of them are not inconsistent with a *ς*, but the conclusion of the second diverges from l. 76, which is τοῦτο δὴ οἴκτιστον πέλεται δειλοῖσι βροτοῖσιν. Before [.]νεη is what appears to be the top of a tall vertical stroke, like that of κ, φ or ψ. Perhaps κ[ε]ν(?) εη is only a variant for πέλεται, and the line, according to this version, may have run τοῦτο δὴ οἴκτιστον δειλοῖσι βροτοῖσί κεν εἴη. The construction would be irregular after ὅτε . . . αἰσχύνουσι, but cf. e.g. Υ 250 ὀπποῖόν κ' εἵπησθα ἔπος τοῖόν κ' ἐπακούσας. But it is remarkable that l. 73 ends with φανείη (so C, &c.; φανήη other MSS., Aristarchus); and since in the papyrus φ[α]νεη is so suitable a reading and χαλκω[ι] in the preceding line is quite possible, there is a considerable probability that ll. 74-6 were omitted. The three verses are not essential here; but they do not occur elsewhere in Homer. For another instance of omission in this MS. cf. note on Ψ 129.

99. οἰμοι: ὦ μοι (ᾠμοι, ᾠμοι) MSS. l. εἰ for η.

99a. A new verse, not found elsewhere in Homer. The adjective λωβητός only occurs in Ω 531 λωβητὸν ἔθηκε. Any round letter, e.g. θ or σ, may be read after the ι.

101. ἐκελευεν: though the final letters are broken, there is not much doubt as to the reading. ἐκέλευε MSS.

102. νυκτα ποτι δνοφ[ερην]: νύχθ' ὑπο τήνδ' ὀλοήν MSS., ὑπὸ λυγαῖν Et. Mag. 571. 22. For the temporal use of ποτι cf. ρ 191 ποτὶ ἔσπερα, Hes. Op. 550 ποτὶ ἔσπερον.

105. *Τρωίας*: so L; *Τρώας* most MSS.

106. There is some ink above *κακωτ[ερος* which might represent a correction, but is more probably accidental.

108. The remains of the middle of this line are very difficult to decipher. *ἐμοι δε* may just be read, but apparently not *τοτ*, which would be expected to follow. Possibly *τοδ* was written; but the papyrus may have been quite different from the common text here. The doubtful *δ* before *α* could be *ε*.

110. The ordinary reading here is *ἡέ κεν αὐτῷ δλέσθαι ἐκλειῶς πρὸ πόλῃος*. The arrangement in the papyrus avoids the long syllables shortened in hiatus. *απολεσθαι* seems preferable to *κεν ολεσθαι*; *κεν* is superfluous here and hardly parallel to the other uses of *ἡ κεν*. *αὐτῷ*, which is found in most MSS. (v. l. *αὐτόν*), was read by Aristarchus.

113. *ἦτος* is on a small fragment originally adhering, but of which the correct position is doubtful; the reading is very uncertain.

140. *καρπαλ[μως]* *ωρμησε*: *ῥηιδίως οἶμησε* (*ἦμισε* C) MSS.

141. *τ υπαι[θ]α*: l. *θ υπ.*; but all the letters except the two alphas are very doubtful.

142. *ἐπαίσει*, *ἐλέειν τέ ἐ θυμὸς ἀνώγει* vulg., but the letter after *επαίσει* in the papyrus is certainly either *ν* or *μ*. Perhaps there was a variant *μαπείειν* or *μαρπειν*, as Blass suggests; or *επαίσειν* may have been written owing to a confusion with *ἐλέειν*.

143. The letters preserved are on a small detached fragment, which seems to be rightly placed here.

197-8. The identification of these two lines seems tolerably certain, notwithstanding the discrepancy from the vulgate, which has *ἀποστρέψασκε παραφθὰς* or *παραστὰς*.

232-3. On the whole it is more probable that the remains of these two lines are to be referred to 232-3 than to 226-7. The slight vestiges indicate that the letter above *Δ* had a vertical stroke, the position of which suits an initial *τ* rather better than an *η*.

251. l. *ετλην*. The error is easily intelligible, as Mr. T. W. Allen remarks, if the papyrus had *διες*, the reading of *αἱ χαριέστεραι* (Didymus) and Vat. 10, in place of the vulgate *δίον*.

252. *ανωγει*: *ἀνῆκε* MSS. Cf. Φ 396 (P. Grenf. II. p. 6), where the papyrus has *ανωγας* for the vulgate reading *ἀνῆκας*.

255. l. *αρμονιαων*.

327. The scribe seems to have miswritten the *π* of *απαλ[οιο]*, which has a vertical stroke too much; otherwise the letters must be read *απο αλ[* or *απελα[*, but both of these readings are difficult to deal with, and the *π* would still be not quite satisfactory.

392 a. This additional line probably followed directly upon 392. *τ]εθνηοτα* seems to be required, but can only be read by ignoring a tiny fragment loosely adhering to the papyrus and having a vertical stroke which gives the supposed *θ* the appearance of a *ρ*; it may, however, be misplaced. Cf. Ω 20, where *καὶ τεθνηότα περ* occurs in the same position of the verse. The latter part of the line is found in K 52.

393. The letter before *μεγα* is certainly a *ν*, and is preceded apparently by an *ι*, or at any rate not by an *ε*; perhaps *ημ]ιν*. *ἡράμεθα* MSS. Aristarchus athetized ll. 393-4.

442. Here again, though the sense of the line is the same, there is a marked divergence from the vulgate, which has *κέκλετο δ' ἀμφιπόλοισιν ἐνπλοκάμοις κατὰ δῶμα*. The verse may, of course, be completed in many other ways than that suggested in the text, e.g. *ἐνπλοκαμοῖς ἐκέλευσεν*.

446. *χερσὶν Ἀχιλλῆος* MSS.; but *ὑπὸ χερσὶν* is the regular Homeric phrase, and may well be right here. For *χέρσ' ὑπο* in the same position cf. Π 420, 452, Φ 208. l. *Αχιλλῆος*; the same error occurs in CD.

447. *[κωκυτο]ς*: *κωκυτοῦ* . . . *οἰμωγῆς* MSS. The letter before the *δ* can hardly be read otherwise than as *ς*, and there is a spot of ink low down before it which suits the tail

of a *v*. The accusative is quite unobjectionable (cf. e.g. Φ 575 ἡλαγμόν ἀκούσῃ), but the plural is somewhat suspicious, and it may be doubted whether this is a genuine variant, and not rather a mistake on the part of the scribe. An alternative would be to suppose that the line began with some feminine synonym of *κωκυτός*.

448. Though the margin below this line is incomplete, it has quite the appearance of being the last of a column; but if so the column must have contained an unusually large proportion of new lines. L. 448 is only the twenty-second line, according to the vulgate, from the end of the preceding column, whereas the average length of other columns is about 30 lines. A column which covers only 25 lines of the vulgate is, however, shown by a comparison of Fr. (*p*) l. 168, which is probably the last of a column, with P. Grenf. II. 4 (*c*). Fr. 2, where l. 195 is the second of a column; and the more lengthy columns may to some extent be due to omissions; cf. notes on X 77 and Ψ 129.

458-60. This identification is doubtful; l. 459 is fairly satisfactory, but the scanty vestiges of the preceding and following lines give small support. Those below *οὐδενι* might be read as *να*, i.e. *μαίνα*[δι], but something nearer the end of the line would be expected.

462. The ordinary version of this line is *αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ πύργον τε καὶ ἀνδρῶν ἔξεν ὄμιλον*. Blass is probably right in suggesting the restoration of *Σκαιὰς τε πύλας καὶ* from Z 237, I 354 *Σκαιὰς τε πύλας καὶ φηγὸν ἔκτανεν*, though the reading must be admitted to be very doubtful. *τε* is satisfactory, but of the other letters as far as -ον only the merest vestiges remain. They seem, however, to support *πύργον* as against *φηγόν*.

463. *τειχ*[ει]: *τειχ*[εσι] would suit the space better.

464. *πόλε*[ως]: *πόλιος* MSS., though *πόλεως* is well supported in other passages, e.g. A 168.

513 sqq. That these lines are rightly identified hardly admits of doubt. The variant in l. 515 causes no difficulty, and the absence of any division between the end of one book and the beginning of the next has a parallel in the Geneva papyrus (Nicole, *Rev. de Phil.*, 1894), A 848-M 1.

513. If the indistinct vestiges are correctly read as *οφε*[λος], the γ', which precedes in the common text, was probably omitted, since *οὐδεν σοι* amply fills the lacuna. γ' is absent also in D.

515. *ὦς ἔφατο* vulg. It suits the space better to suppose that the final *a* of *apa* was unelided.

Ψ 1. Cf. note on X 513 sqq. The space between this line and the preceding one is of the usual width, but there may, of course, have been a coronis or marginal note indicating the commencement of a new book.

Fr. (*p*).

Col. i.

| | | |
|---------|---|----------------|
| Ψ 129 ? | [28 letters | αδ εκελ[ευσε |
| 131 ? | [" " | τ[ε] . [ε]εντ[|
| 132 | [αν δ εβαν εν διφροισι παραιβεται ηνι]οχοι τε | |
| 133 | [προσθε μεν ιππηες μετα δε νεφος ε]ιπετο πεζων | |
| 134 | [μυριοι εν δε μεσοισι φερων Πατροκλον ετ]αιροι | |
| 135 | [θριξι δε παντα νεκυν καταεινυσαν α]ς επεβαλλον | |
| 136 | [κειρομενοι οπιθεν δε καρη εχε διος Αχι]λλευσ | |

- 136 *a* [αμφοτερησι δε χερσι κομην ησχυν]ε δαιζων
 137 [αχυνμενος εταρον γαρ αμυμονα πεμπ Α]ιδος δε
 138 [οι δ οτε χωρον ικανον οθι σφισι πεφραδ Αχιλλ]ευσ
 139 [κατθεσαν αιψα δε οι μενοεικεα νηεον] υλ[ην
 140 [ενθ αυτ αλλ ενοησε ποδαρκης διος Αχιλλ]λ[ε]υ[ς
 141 [στας απανευθε πυρης ξανθην απεκ]ειρατο χα[ιτ]ην

Col. ii. (with P. Grenf. II. 4 (c), Fr. 1).

- Ψ 165? [. . .] . ε[.]ραλν[.] νεκρο[
 165 *a* μυρ[ι ονει]ατα χερσιν αμησα[μενοι
 166 πολλ[α] δε ιφ[ι]α [.] μη[λ]α [και ειλιποδας ελικας βους
 167 προσθε πυρης [εδερον τε και αμφεπον εκ δ αρα παντων
 168 δημον ελων [εκαλυψε νεκυν μεγαθυμος Αχιλλε]υς

Fr. (q).

- Ψ 265 [τωι πρωτωι αταρ αυ τωι] δευ[τερωι ι]ππον ε[θηκεν
 266 [εξετε αδμη]την βρεφ[ος] ημιονον κυεουσα[ν
 267 [αυταρ τωι τριτ]ατωι απυρογ κατεθηκε λεβ[ητα
 268 [καλον τεσσαρα μετρα κεχα]νδ[οτ]α λευκον ετ αυτ[ω]ς

Fr. (r).

- Ψ 276 [ισ]τε γαρ [ο]σσο[ν] [εμοι αρετηι περιβαλλετον ιπποι
 277 αθανatoi τε [γαρ εισι Ποσειδαων δε πορ αυτους
 278 πατρι εμωι Πηλη[ι ο δ αυτ εμοι εγγναλιξεν
 278 *a* ως τω γ αθανatoi κ[αι αγηραοι ουδε εοικε
 278 *b* θνητους αθανatoiσι [δεμας και ειδος εριζειν
 279 αλλ η τοι μεν εγω μ[ενεω και μωνυχες ιπποι
 280 τοιογ γαρ σθενος εσθλον απωλεσαν ηνιοχο]ιο
 281 ηπιου ο σφωιν μαλα πολλακις υγρον ελαιον

Ψ 129?. It is clear that the papyrus differed considerably here from the ordinary text.

]as κελ[ευσε (?), which apparently corresponds to the end of l. 129 αὐτίκα Μυρμιδόνεσσι φιλοπο-
λέμοισι κέλευσε, has been inserted close above l. 131 (?) by a different hand, and seems to
have been originally omitted altogether.]as suggests Μυρμιδον]as, with a lengthened *a*, or
some variant for φιλοποτόλεμοισι, e. g. ανα κλισι]as; cf. Π 155-6 Μυρμιδόνας . . . θώρηξεν
'Αχιλλεύς πάντας ἀνὰ κλισίας. If this be so, 130-1, χαλκὸν ζώννυσθαι, ζεύξαι δ' ὑπ' ὄχεσφιν
ἕκαστον ἵππους· οἱ δ' ὄρνυντο καὶ ἐν τεύχεσσιν ἔδυνον, would seem to have been reduced to
a single verse. εντ[at the end (the *τ* is quite doubtful) suggests a termination parallel to
Γ 339 ἔντε' ἔδυνεν, preceded possibly by τε και, though there is barely room for και. The
letter before ε, if not τ, must be a γ. But in the absence of the line above]as κελ[ευσε these
suggestions must be regarded as merely tentative.

136 *a*. The proposed restoration, which is due to Blass, is based on Σ 23 ἀμφοτέρησι δὲ
χερσὶν ἐλὼν κόνιν αἰθαλόεσσιν and Σ 27 φιλῆσι δὲ χερσὶ κόμην ἥσχυνε δαΐζων.

139. The vestiges of the supposed *υ* suggest rather *τ* or *π*, but this may be due
to smearing.

165 ? . We give a revised text of this line, which is found in P. Grenf. II. 4 (c), Fr. 1.
The doubtful *ρ* might be *τ* or *υ*.

165 *a*, 166. These two lines combine with the last two of P. Grenf. II. 4 (c), Fr. 1.
For the restoration μυρ[ι ονει]ατα (Blass) cf. κ 9 and ο 316 δνείατα μυρία. In l. 166
a short space remains unaccounted for between ιφια on the new fragment and the μη of
μη[λ]α on P. Grenf. II. 4 (c), Fr. 1. The reading of these two words is not very certain,
but we can find no other epithet which suits the vestiges, and μη[λ]α seems right. In
the facsimile in P. Grenf. II, Plate II, μηλ]α κ[α]ι [looks possible, but the original shows
this to be a less likely alternative.

168. This line was probably the last of the column, though it is slightly higher than
l. 141. Cf. note on x 448.

278 *a*, *b*. These two additional lines have been restored by Blass from ε 212-3 οὐδὲ
ἔοικε θητὰς ἀθανάτησι δέμας καὶ εἶδος ἐρίζειν.

280. τοιογ γαρ σθενος : τοίον γὰρ κλέος most MSS., but σθενος occurs in DGLS Syr., and
is recorded as a variant in AE. τοιον, which is new, may be defended, but is unconvincing.

281. This line is the last of the column. The final *s* of πολλakis is very close to the ι,
and was perhaps originally omitted; π was also first written in place of γρ and subsequently
altered, another γρ being added for the sake of clearness above the line. These corrections
may be by the first hand.

For ο most MSS. have ὄs, but ὄ is attested by Didymus, who refers to A 73, where ὄ
σφιν was read by Aristarchus. ὄ is adopted by La Roche and Leaf, ὄs by Monro and
Allen.

Unidentified fragments.

| Fr. (s). | | Fr. (t). | |
|----------|------------------|----------|---------------|
| |] . ασι μετα π[| |] αμφιλ[|
| |]νοιπ[| |] . ηκτον . [|
| |] . . νογτοσ . [| |] . ελω . [|
| |]φερησ . [| |] . ημ[|
| 5 |] τ[| | |

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| Fr. (u). . . . | Fr. (v). . . . | Fr. (w). . . . |
|]π[|]σ α[|] . [|
|] . [| [] |] . ρ . [|
|]δ ε[|] . υ[|]μ η[|
|]η ν . [|]α λ κ[| . . . |
| 5]λ . [| 5] . [| |
|]τ . [| . . . | |
|] . . [| | |
| . . . | | |

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|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Fr. (x). . . . | Fr. (y). . . . | Fr. (z). |
|]ο ν τ α[|] α μ φ ι π[|] . σ ε π[.] τ α . . [|
| . . . | . . . | |
| Fr. (aa). . . . | Fr. (bb). . . . | Fr. (cc). . . . |
|]υ τ η . [|]λ . . ω[|]υ ν τ[|
| . . . | . . . | . . . |
| Fr. (dd). . . . | Fr. (ee). . . . | Fr. (ff). . . . |
|]ν ν ο σ . [|]ν ε ω σ τ[|]α ι κ α τ . [|
|]ν δ ε σ[| . . . | . . . |
|] . υ[| | |
| . . . | | |
| Fr. (gg). . . . | Fr. (hh). . . . | Fr. (ii). . . . |
| υ . . . [|] . . ν ι μ ε[|]ρ η ε . [|
| . α ι ο μ ε ν ο[| . . . | . . . |
| | | |

Fr. (ι). The most suitable place for this is perhaps X 117-20, but though in l. 1 αμφις is possible, l. 2 is irreconcilable with X 118, and if ελω in l. 3 were ελωμαι it should come further out to the right. In l. 2 κ is possibly ισ, with which reading the preceding η would be π, and ο may also be ε; in l. 3 εν or ον may be read for ω.

Fr. (γ). This may well be αμφιπ[ολοι in X 461, but Fr. (γ) does not actually join Fr. (m).

Fr. (dd). Not Ψ 584-6.

Fr. (gg). l. 2 seems to be the beginning of a verse, but this is not certain. καιομενο[s might be read, but the fragment cannot be identified with Φ 360-1 or 375-6.

23. HOMER, *Odyssey* XX.

19 x 6.2 cm. Circa B.C. 285-250. PLATE VI.

This fragment, containing parts of ll. 41-68 of Book xx of the *Odyssey*, was found not in mummy-cartonnage but loose in the debris outside the north wall of the town, where so many sarcophagi were buried; cf. p. 3. The writing is a delicate uncial of the early or middle part of the third century B.C., Z and Ω in particular preserving a decidedly archaic appearance.

Unusual interest attaches to this papyrus, which is the first early Ptolemaic fragment of the *Odyssey* to be discovered, and exhibits much the same scale of divergence from the vulgate as that with which the fragments of the *Iliad* have made us familiar. This passage in the ordinary text contains 28 lines, but in the papyrus 30, three new lines being inserted (after 51, 55, and 58) and one line of the vulgate omitted (53); while in several other places also the papyrus presents hitherto unknown readings, the list of which would no doubt be increased if the lines had been completely preserved. As it is, all of them are represented by less than half of the total number of letters, and some by 5 or 6 letters only. Hence the restoration of the new lines is very difficult, especially as they differ from most of the additional lines in the *Iliad* fragments in being not at all obviously derived from other passages in Homer. We are indebted to Mr. T. W. Allen for some suggestions. On the chief problems raised by these early Ptolemaic papyri see pp. 68 sqq.

- υ 41 [προς δ ετι και τοδε μ]ειζον ενι φρεσι μ[ερμη]ρ[ι]ζω
 42 [ει περ γαρ κτειναιμι Διο]ς τε σεθεν τε εκητι
 43 [πηι κεν υπεκπροφυγο]ιμι τα [σε] φραζεσθαι ανω[γα
 44 [τον δ αυτε προσεειπε θ]εα γλαυκωπις Αθηνη
 45 [σχετλιε και μεν] τις τ[ε] χερειονι θαρσει εταιρωι
 46 [ος περ θνητος τ εσ]τι και [ο]υ τοσα μηδεα ε[ιδ] . .
 47 [αυταρ εγω θεος ει]μι δια[μ]περες η σε [φ]υλα[σσω
 48 [13 letters]πων ερω δε σοι εξα[ναφανδον
 49 [ει περ πεντηκον]τα λοχοι μερ[ο]πων α[νθρωπων
 50 [νωι περισταιεν κ]τειναι με[μαωτες αρηι
 51 [και κεν των ελασ]αιο βοας κα[ι]
 51 α [13 letters]ειας απ[

- 52 [αλλ ἐλετω σε και ν]πνος ε . [.]ν ἐπικ[.
 54 [ως φατο και ρα οι ν]πνον επι βλεφαρο[ισιν ε]χενεν
 55 [αυτη δ αψ ες Ολυμ]πον απεστιχε δια [θεαων
 55 *a* [14 letters]ρος με[20 letters
 56 [ευτε τον υπνος ε]μαρπτε [λυων μελεδηματα θυμου
 57 [λυσιμελης αλοχος δ] αρ επεγρετο κ[εδν ειδυια
 58 [κλαιε δ αρ εν λεκτρο]ισι καθεζομενη [μαλακοισιν
 58 *a* [15 letters]σθεν ακην εχον οι . [
 59 [αυταρ επει κλαιουσ]α κορεσσατο ογ κα[τα θυμον
 60 [Αρτεμιδι πρω]τιστον επευξατο [δια γυναικων
 61 [Αρτεμι ποτνα θεα] θυγατερ Διος αιθ[ε μοι ηδη
 62 [ιον ενι στηθεσσι β]αλουσα εκ θυμον [ελοιο
 63 [αυτικα νυν η επ]ειτα με αναρπαξ[ασα θυελλα
 64 [οιχοιτο προφερουσ]α κατ ηεροεντα κε[λευθα
 65 [εμ προχοης δε β]αλοι αψορρ[ο]ου Ωκεα[νοιο
 66 [ως δ οτε Πανδαρε]ου κουρα[ς] ανελο[ντο θυελλα
 67 [τηισι τοκης με]μ φθεισαν θεοι αι δε λι[ποντο
 68 [ορφαναι εμ μεγ]αροισι κομιζε δε δι Αφ[ροδιτη

45. σχέτλιε καὶ μὲν τίς τε χερείονι πείθεθ' ἐταίρω MSS. χερείονι is fairly certain, though *io* is cramped into a very narrow space, and at the end of the line the tops of the six letters after *ε* suit *ταιρωι*. The difficulty is the intervening word *θαρσει*, suggested by Blass. The second letter is much more like *α* than *λ* or *ω*, which are the only possible alternatives, and the first letter must have been a rather narrow one. All that remains of it is a speck of ink near the bottom of the line. The third letter can be either *ι* or *ρ*, and *ει* suits the vestiges at the end of the word much better than *σι* or *θ*; but the supposed *σ* is more like *α*, and *θαρσει* is not very satisfactory, especially as this use of *θαρσεῖν* with a dative is not found in Homer.

46. εἰδ . . : οἶδεν MSS. *θ* could be read instead of *ε*, but not *ο*. It is difficult to account for the *ε* except by the hypothesis that the scribe wrote *ειδως* or *ειδεν* by mistake.

48.]πων : ἐν πάντεσσι πόνους (οἱ πόνοισι) ἐρέω κ.τ.λ. MSS.

51. βόας καὶ ἴφια μῆλα MSS. κα[ι after *βοας* is very doubtful. The second letter might be e.g. *τ*. ιφ]ια is inadmissible, the letter after the lacuna being either *τ*, *π* or *γ*. The supposed *α* which follows is quite uncertain, but the vestiges do not suit *ε*, so that *ασ]πέτα* is not satisfactory. The new line 51 *a* may have expanded the description of the prospective plunder; *απ[* may be, as Mr. Allen suggests, *απ[αγων*, but to read *λ]ειας* would introduce a word not found in Homer. Blass proposes [*αυτους τε κτειν]ειας*, comparing *Ξ* 47 *πρὶν πυρὶ νῆας ἐνιπρήσαι κτείνειν δὲ καὶ αὐτούς*.

52. ὕπνος ἀνίη καὶ τὸ φυλάσσειν | πάννηχον ἐγρήσσοντα κακῶν δ' ὑποδύσσαι ἤδη MSS. The papyrus, instead of this, has only half a line, but soon makes up for the omission of l. 53 by inserting a line after 55. The word following *ν]πνος* was perhaps *εων*, though the space between *ε* and *ν* is rather broad for only one letter.

55. ἀπεστιχε: ἀφίκετο MSS. except the Monacensis (of the fourteenth century), which has ἀπέστιχε corrected to ἀφίκετο. ἀπέστιχε δια θεάων is the vulgate reading in μ 143.

55 a. Mr. Allen suggests [κοιμησας Οδυσση πα]ρος με[μωτα ιανειν: cf. ω 487 πάρος μεμανίαν.

58 a. The subject of εχον is probably, as Mr. Allen remarks, the δμωαί of Penelope. The phrase ακην εχον does not occur in Homer, ἴσαν, ἔσαν, ἔμεναι or ἐγένοντο being the only verbs found with ἀκήν. ουδ[ε, followed by τι ειπον (cf. Δ 22, ἦ τοι Ἀθηναίη ἀκέων ἦν οὐδέ τι εἶπε), does not suit the vestiges after εχον.

67. φθεισαν: on the spelling of this word with ει or ι MSS. and grammarians differ.

68. κομιξε: κόμισσε (v. l. κόμισε) MSS. The imperfect is quite in place.

24. EURIPIDES, *Iphigenia in Tauris*.

Mummy A. Height 16.8 cm. Circa B.C. 280-240. PLATE VI (Frs. k and m).

These small and scattered fragments of the *Iphigenia in Tauris* are written in a medium-sized flowing and slightly sloping hand, which is the precursor of the oval style of the second and third centuries after Christ. Though showing none of the markedly archaic characteristics displayed by some of the other literary papyri in this volume, the MS. belongs to the same find as most of the oldest pieces, and is very unlikely to be later in date than the reign of Philadelphus. The only letter calling for any comment is the ω, the second loop of which is not raised to the same height as the first, but is left very shallow and has sometimes hardly any curve at all. The lines of one column are partially preserved throughout the 29 verses of which it is composed.

In spite of its fragmentary condition the text is decidedly interesting, and its nearness to the age of the poet gives it additional weight. In ll. 252 and 618 conjectures of Reiske and Bothe are confirmed; and in ll. 587 and 621 valuable readings occur, one of them unanticipated, the other nearly coinciding with an emendation of Maehly. But the papyrus is as usual not impeccable, and one or two small errors are found, while some other variants are more questionable. The division of the lines for the chorus (ll. 173-91) follows a new method. In the collation below we have made use of the editions of Prinz-Wecklein and of G. Murray, but in filling up lacunae have followed the text of the two MSS., except when obviously wrong.

Fr. (a).

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| 174 |]α. [|
| 175 | τηλο]θι γαρ [|
| 176 | ε]μας [|

- 177 σφαχθει]σα α τλ[αμων
 179 υμν]ον τε Α[σιηταν
 180, 181 αχ]αν δ[εσποινα
 182 θρηνοι]ς μου[σαν
 184 μο]λπαις Α[ιδας
 185, 186 παιανω]ν οιμ[οι] τ[ων
 187 φ]ως σκηπ[τρων
 189 ευ]ολβων [
 191 μοχθω]ν δε εγ μ[οχθος αισσει

Frs. (b) and (c).

- 245 [ουκ αν φθανοις] αν ευτρ[επη ποιουμενη
 [ποδαποι τινο]ς γης ονομ [εχουσιν οι ξεινοι
 [Ελληνες εν το]υθ οйда κ[ου περαιτερω
 [ουδ ονομ] ακ[ο]υσας [οισθα των ξενων φρασαι
 [Πυλαδης εκ]ληξε[θ ατερος προς θατερου
 250 [του ξυζυγο]ν δε [του ξενου τι τουνομ ην
 [ουδεις τοδ οιδεν ου γ]αρ [εισηκουσαμεν
 [πως δ ειdet αυτου]ς καν[τυχοντες ειλετε
 [ακραις επι ρηγ]μισιν Ευξε[ινου πορου
 [και τις θαλασση]ς βουκολο[ις κοινωνια
 255 [βους ηλθομεν νι]ψοντες εν[αλιαι δροσραι

Fr. (d).

- [ειτ] ου[ν] ε[π ακταις θασσετον Διοσκορω
 η Νηρεως α[γαλμαθ ος τον ευγενη
 ετικτε πε[ντηκοντα Νηρηιδων χορον
 275 αλλος δε [τις ματαιος ανομιαι θρασυς
 εγελ[ασε]ν ε[ν]χαις ναυτιλους δ εφθαρμενους
 θ[ασσειν φαραγγ εφασκε του νομου φοβωι
 [κλυοντας ως θυοιμεν ενθαδε ξενους]
 εδ[οξε δ ημων ευ λεγειν τοις πλειοσι
 280 θ[ηραν τε τηι θεωι σφαγια ταπιχωρια

κα[ν] τωιδε πετραν ατερος λιπων ξεινοι
 εσ[τη] кара τε διετιναξ̄ ανω κατω
 [καπεστεναξ̄εν ωλενας τρεμων ακρας]
 μ[ανιαis] αλαινων και βοαι κυναγος ως
 285 Π[υλαδη] δεδορκας τηνδε τηνδε δ ουχ οραις
 Α[ιδου] δρακαιναν ως με βουλεται κτανειν

Frs. (e), (f), (g), and (h).

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 [ει] π[α]σ[ι] ταυτον πραγμ̄ αρεσκοντως̄ χει
 [θελο]is αν̄ [ει] σωσαιμι σ̄ αγγειλαι τι μοι
 [προ]s Α[ργος] ελθων τοis̄ εμοis̄ εκει φιλοis̄
 [δελ]το[ν] τ̄ ε[ν]ε[γκε]ιν̄ η[ν] τις̄ οικτειρας̄ εμε
 585 [εγρα]ψ[εν] αι[χμαλωτ]ος̄ ουχῑ την̄ εμην
 [φονεα] νομι[ζω]ν̄ χειρᾱ τ[ου] νομοῡ δ̄ υπο
 [θνησκειν]̄ τᾱ τ[ο]ῡ θεοῡ τ[αδε]̄ δικαῑ ηγουμενου
 [ουδενα] γαρ̄ ειχον̄ οστιs̄ [αγγειλαι]̄ μολων̄
 [εs] Αργος̄ αυ[θιs]̄ τας̄ ε[μαs]̄ επιστολαs̄
 590 [πεμψε]iε̄ [σωθειs]̄ των̄ εμων̄ φιλων̄ τινη
 [σ]ῡ δ̄ [ε]ī γαρ̄ [ως̄]̄ εοικ[ας]̄ ουτ[ε]̄ δυσγενηs̄
 [και]̄ τας̄ Μ[υκηνα]s̄ οiσ[θα]̄ χους̄ καγω̄ θελω̄
 σωθ[η]τῑ κα[ι]̄ σῡ μισ[θ]ον̄ ουκ̄ αισχρον̄ λαβων̄
 κουφ[ω]ν̄ ε[κατι]̄ γραμματων̄ σωτηριαν̄
 595 [ο]υτος̄ δ̄ [επειπερ]̄ πολiς̄ αναγκαζεῑ ταδε

Frs. (i), (k), (l), and (m).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

PLATE VI (Frs. k and m).

600 ου[τος]̄ δε̄ συμπλεῑ των̄ εμων̄ μοχ[θω]ν̄ χαρ[ιν]
 ουκ[ουν]̄ δικαιον̄ επ̄ ολεθρωī τ[ω]ī τουδ̄ εμ[ε]
 . . . χα[ριν]̄ τιθεσθαῑ καυτον̄]̄ εκδυναῑ κακων̄
]ῡ αλ[λ]̄ ως̄ γενεσθω̄ τωιδε̄ μεν̄]̄ δελτον̄ διδοῡ
]s̄ π[ε]μψεῑ γαρ̄ Αργος̄ ωστε̄ σοῑ κ[α]λ[ω]s̄̄ χειν̄
 605 η[μαs]̄ δ̄ ο̄ χρηιζων̄ κτεινετω̄ τ[α]̄ τωμ̄ φιλων̄

- [αισχιστον οστις καταβαλων] εις συμ[φορας]
 [αυτος σεσωσται τυγχανει δ ο]δ ωμ φι[ιλος]
 [ον ουδεν ησσουν η με φως οραν θ]ελω
 [ω λημ αριστον ως απ ευγε]νου[ς] τιν[ος]
 610 [ριξης πεφυκας τοις φιλοις τ ορθως] φι[ιλος]
 [τοιουτος ειη των εμω]ν ομοσπορων
 [οσπερ λελειπται κα]ι γαρ ουδ εγω ξεινοι
 [αναδελφος ειμι] πλην οσα ουχ [ο]ρωσα νιν
 [επει δε βουλει τα]υτα τ[ονδε] πεμ[ψομεν]
 615 [δελτον φερου]τα συ δε θανε[ι πο]λλη δε τ[ις]
 [προθυμια σε] τουδ εχουσα τυγχανει
 [θυσει δε τις με] και τα δεινα τλησετ[αι]
 [εγω θεας γαρ] τηνδε συμ[φο]ραν ε[χω]
 [αζηλα γ ω] νεανι κ[αι ουκ] ευδ[αιμονα]
 620 [αλλ εις αναγκ]ηγ κει[μεθ] ην φυλακτεον
 [αυτη ξιφε]ι κτεινουσα θη[λυς] αρσενας
 [ουκ αλλα] χαιτην αμφι ση[ν] χερνιψομαι
 [ο δε σφαγευς τ]ις ει τ[αδ] ιστο[ρ]ε[ιν] με χρη
 [εσω δομων τωνδ εισι]ν [οις] μελ[ει] ταδε
 625 [ταφος δε ποιος δεξετ]α[ι] με οταν [θανω]
 [πυρ ιερον ενδον χασ]ματα ευρω[π — υ —]
 627 [φευ πως αν με α]δελφης χειρ περι[στειλειεν] αν
 629 [. . . μακραν γ]α[ρ] βαρβαρου ναιε[ι] χθονος

A fragment perhaps belonging to this papyrus.

. . .
]. με[
]ρατ[
 . . .

174-91. This fragment is too small to indicate clearly the point of division in the lines or the principle upon which that division was based. The lines were longer than they are according to the arrangement of either the older or the more modern editions—to which we owe the highly inconvenient system of numbering four lines as if they were five. Perhaps the lyrics were written continuously like prose in lines of approximately equal length, as in 25. That hypothesis would at any rate account fairly well for the sizes of the various lacunae.

174. The vestige after α would suit ν , ι , or κ , and so the two letters may belong equally well to $\xi\alpha\nu\theta\acute{\alpha}\nu$, $\chi\acute{\alpha}\iota\tau\alpha\nu$, or $\delta\acute{\alpha}\kappa\rho\upsilon$.

175. The reading is very doubtful; $\tau\eta\lambda\acute{o}\sigma\epsilon$ γάρ MSS.

177. $\sigma\phi\alpha\chi\theta\epsilon\iota\sigma\alpha$ α is not a very satisfactory reading, since it does not account for a speck of ink between the σ and the top of the supposed first α , which is moreover itself quite dubious. $\sigma\phi\alpha\chi\theta\epsilon\iota\sigma\alpha$, however, is not a better alternative, for the ι would be too far from the σ , and again a speck of ink in the intervening space would remain unexplained. The traces before α $\tau\lambda$ would perhaps best suit an σ followed by a broad π or, possibly, μ ; but they are too slight to necessitate the supposition of a departure here from the MSS. tradition—which, however, is corrupt in this passage.

179. The papyrus supports the traditional reading, for which Bothe's conjecture $\tilde{\upsilon}\mu\omega\nu$ τ' Ἀσσητῶν is adopted by Murray.

182. $\theta\rho\eta\nu\omega\iota\varsigma$: so a corrector of P; $\theta\rho\eta\nu\omega\iota\sigma\iota$ LP, $\theta\rho\eta\nu\omega\iota\sigma\iota\nu$ Markland, on metrical grounds. The vestige in the papyrus is not indeed inconsistent with ν , but is more suggestive of ς .

189. It is impossible to judge whether l. 188 $\pi\alpha\tau\rho\acute{\omega}\nu$ οἴκων, which is bracketed by W(ecklein), following Hartung, stood in the papyrus or not. If, however, it be assumed that these lines were more or less equal in length (cf. note on ll. 174–91) it will be necessary to suppose an omission of some kind between l. 187 and l. 189.

191. The first letter is most probably ν ; $\lambda\omicron\varsigma$ cannot be read. The line is metrical if $\acute{\alpha}\iota\sigma\sigma\epsilon\iota$ be written as a trisyllable, as it is in LP, which have $\mu\acute{o}\chi\theta\omicron\varsigma$ δ' ἐκ $\mu\acute{o}\chi\theta\omega\nu$.

246. $\omicron\nu\omicron\mu\alpha$: the papyrus upholds the MSS. tradition; $\sigma\chi\eta\mu'$ Monk, whose conjecture is accepted by W. and M.

247. $\tau\omicron\lambda\upsilon\theta$: l. $\tau\omicron\upsilon\tau$.

252. Reiske's conjecture $\kappa\acute{\alpha}\nu\tau\chi\acute{o}\nu\tau\epsilon\varsigma$ (so W. and M.) for the MSS. reading $\kappa\alpha\iota$ $\tau\chi\acute{o}\nu\tau\epsilon\varsigma$ is confirmed by the papyrus.

253. $\epsilon\upsilon\acute{\xi}\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\nu$: so Plut. *De exil.* p. 602; $\acute{\alpha}\xi\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\nu$ MSS. Cf. l. 125, where LP have $\epsilon\upsilon\acute{\xi}\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\nu$ and Markland conjectures $\acute{\alpha}\xi\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\nu$ (so M.), and l. 395, where W. and M. read $\acute{\alpha}\xi\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\nu$ (with Markland) for $\epsilon\upsilon\acute{\xi}\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\nu$ (LP) or $\epsilon\upsilon\acute{\xi}\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\nu$ (l). $\acute{\alpha}\xi\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\nu$ is probably right here.

587. The MSS. here have $\theta\eta\eta\sigma\kappa\epsilon\iota\nu$ γε, $\tau\eta\varsigma$ θεοῦ $\tau\alpha\upsilon\tau\alpha$ δίκαι' ἡγουμένης; W. and M. print $\theta\eta\eta\sigma\kappa\epsilon\iota\nu$ σφε, $\tau\eta\varsigma$ θεοῦ $\tau\acute{\alpha}\delta\epsilon$, adopting conjectures of Markland and Pierson. The papyrus substitutes $\tau[ο]\nu$ θεοῦ for $\tau\eta\varsigma$ θεοῦ, and before $\tau\omicron\upsilon$ has a clear α preceded by a letter of which all that remains is a projecting tip on the level of the top of the α , which would suit γ , σ , or τ . Hence, since $\theta\eta\eta\sigma\kappa\epsilon\iota\nu$ sufficiently fills the remaining space, the word before $\tau[ο]\nu$ is most likely $\tau\alpha$, which implies a quite different construction from that found in the MSS. We venture to suggest that the true reading is $\tau\omicron\upsilon$ νόμου δ' ὕπο | $\theta\eta\eta\sigma\kappa\epsilon\iota\nu$, $\tau\alpha$ $\tau\eta\varsigma$ θεοῦ $\tau\acute{\alpha}\delta\epsilon$ δίκαι' ἡγουμένην. This is more logical than the accepted text, for the will of the goddess would have been ineffectual unless enforced by the law; cf. l. 38 $\delta\upsilon\tau\omicron\varsigma$ τοῦ νόμου καὶ πρὶν πόλει, and l. 595 $\epsilon\pi\epsilon\iota\pi\epsilon\rho$ πόλιν ἀναγκάζει $\tau\acute{\alpha}\delta\epsilon$. The substitution of $\eta\gamma\omicron\upsilon\mu\acute{\epsilon}\nu\eta\varsigma$ for $\eta\gamma\omicron\upsilon\mu\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\nu$ would be a particularly easy confusion (the papyrus shows the converse error of $\tau\omicron\upsilon$ for $\tau\eta\varsigma$), and the alteration of $\tau\acute{\alpha}$ would inevitably follow. It would also be possible, as Mr. Murray remarks, to keep $\eta\gamma\omicron\upsilon\mu\acute{\epsilon}\nu\eta\varsigma$ and connect $\tau\alpha$ $\tau\eta\varsigma$ θεοῦ in the sense of 'the victims of the goddess' with $\theta\eta\eta\sigma\kappa\epsilon\iota\nu$ instead of with $\tau\acute{\alpha}\delta\epsilon$. $\theta\eta\eta\sigma\kappa\epsilon\iota\nu$ probably had no iota adscript; cf. l. 249 $\epsilon\kappa\lambda\eta\zeta\epsilon[\theta]$.

588–90. These lines are rejected by Dindorf and Monk.

589. $\tau\alpha\varsigma$: so the MSS.; $\tau\acute{\alpha}\varsigma$ (τ') M. following Elmsley.

593. Though the letters of $\sigma\omega\theta\eta\tau\iota$ are broken, they are all quite consistent with the ordinary reading except the τ , which is unusually cramped; perhaps $\sigma\omega\theta\eta\theta\iota$ was written (cf. l. 247 $\tau\omicron\lambda\upsilon\theta$). In any case the papyrus lends no support to the conjecture $\sigma\acute{\upsilon}\theta\eta\tau\iota$ κείσε, though it may of course have had Reiske's more probable emendation $\sigma\omicron\upsilon$ for $\sigma\acute{\upsilon}$.

Fr. (2). Col. i. The final ν and ς which alone survive here, may belong either

to ll. 573-4 $\mu\omicron\nu\sigma\iota\eta$ and $\lambda\omicron\gamma\omicron\iota\varsigma$ or ll. 575-6 $\epsilon\iota\delta\omicron\sigma\iota\eta$ and $\gamma\epsilon\nu\eta\eta\tau\omicron\rho\epsilon\iota\varsigma$. The η is opposite l. 603, which is the 26th line from the bottom of the column; ll. 573 and 575 would be respectively the 27th and 25th from the bottom.

600. $\mu\omicron\chi\iota\theta\omega\nu$: or $-\theta\omega\gamma$, but the former is more probable.

606. $\epsilon\iota\varsigma\ \sigma\upsilon\mu\phi\omicron\rho\alpha\varsigma$: $\epsilon\varsigma\ \xi\upsilon\mu\phi\omicron\rho\alpha\varsigma$ MSS.

614. Perhaps $\pi\epsilon\mu\phi\omicron\mu\epsilon\nu$ was first written and then altered to $\pi\epsilon\mu\psi\omicron\mu\epsilon\nu$. The upper part of the vertical stroke of ψ is clear, but in place of the tip of the crossbar there is another short vertical stroke which would suit e.g. μ or π .

615. $\theta\alpha\nu\epsilon\iota$: $\theta\alpha\nu\eta$ MSS.

618. $\tau\eta\sigma\delta\epsilon$ MSS., $\tau\eta\nu\delta\epsilon$ Pap., confirming Bothe's conjecture, which is accepted by W. and M. $\sigma\upsilon\mu\phi\omicron\rho\alpha\nu$, which is an unknown variant, is intelligible in itself, but does not well accord with the following line. $\pi\rho\omicron\sigma\tau\rho\omicron\pi\eta$ (MSS.) is more likely to be genuine.

619. The space indicates that the crasis of $\kappa\omicron\upsilon\kappa$ here was neglected; cf. the absence of elision in ll. 613, 625, &c.

621. The new reading of the papyrus $\kappa\tau\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\upsilon\sigma\alpha$ is preferable to the traditional $\theta\acute{\upsilon}\nu\omicron\upsilon\sigma\alpha$. The first two letters are much damaged, but the vertical stroke of the τ is plain. Maehly's acute conjecture $\theta\epsilon\iota\nu\omicron\upsilon\sigma\alpha$, though not actually confirmed, is thus shown to have been on the right track.

622. The supposed ι of $\xi\iota\phi\epsilon\iota$ is above χ of $\chi\alpha\iota\tau\eta\nu$ which would approximately correspond with ς of $\sigma\phi\alpha\gamma\epsilon\nu\varsigma$. There is, therefore, scarcely room in the initial lacuna for $\sigma\upsilon\kappa\omicron\upsilon\nu$, the unmetrical reading of the MSS., corrected in L to $\omicron\iota\kappa$.

626. $\chi\alpha\sigma\mu\alpha\tau\alpha$ is probably only a clerical error for $\chi\alpha\sigma\mu\alpha\ \tau(\epsilon)$. It is, however, noticeable that with Diodorus' variant (xx. 14) $\chi\theta\omicron\nu\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ for $\pi\acute{\epsilon}\tau\rho\alpha\varsigma$, the plural form $\chi\acute{\alpha}\sigma\mu\alpha\tau' \epsilon\upsilon\rho\omega\pi\acute{\alpha}$ would at least scan. But there is no ground for suspecting $\chi\acute{\alpha}\sigma\mu\alpha\ \tau' \epsilon\upsilon\rho\omega\pi\acute{\omicron}\nu \pi\acute{\epsilon}\tau\rho\alpha\varsigma$, the version of the MSS.

629. LP here read $\mu\acute{\alpha}\tau\alpha\iota\omicron\nu \epsilon\upsilon\chi\eta\nu, \tilde{\omega}\ \tau\acute{\alpha}\lambda\alpha\varsigma, \delta\sigma\tau\iota\varsigma\ \pi\omicron\tau' \epsilon\iota, \eta\tilde{\upsilon}\xi\omega\ \mu\alpha\kappa\rho\acute{\alpha}\nu\ \gamma\acute{\alpha}\rho\ \kappa.\tau.\lambda.$ There seems to have been an accidental omission in the papyrus, though without knowing how the critical first foot of the line was filled up a definite decision on the point is difficult.

25. EURIPIDES.

Mummy A.

8 x 5.7 cm.

Circa B.C. 280-240.

On this fragment is written in a large cursive hand of the middle of the third century B.C. the favourite chorus of Euripides which closes the *Alcestis* (1159-63), *Andromache* (1284-8), *Bacchae* (1388-92), and *Helena* (1688-92), and, with a difference in the first line, the *Medea* (1415-9). Whether anything preceded the chorus here is uncertain; in any case the fragment is probably a school exercise, not part of a literary manuscript. The division of the lines is determined apparently by their length, and in no way corresponds to the metre or to the division found in the MSS. of Euripides. At least two new variants occur. The colon-shaped stop is found in l. 4.

[πολλαι μο]ρφ[αι των

δαιμ[ονι]ων πολ[λα
 τ̣ α̣ε̣λ̣π̣τ̣ω̣ς̣ κ̣ρα̣ι̣νου̣
 σ̣ι̣ θε̣οι̣ : κα̣ι̣ τα̣ δο̣κη̣
 5 σ̣αν̣τ̣ ου̣κ̣ ε̣τε̣λε̣σθ̣[η̣
 τ̣ων̣ δ̣ α̣δο̣κη̣τ̣[ων̣
 πο̣ρον̣ ευ̣ρε̣[[ν]] θε̣ος̣
 το̣ιον̣δ̣ απ̣ε̣β̣η̣ το̣
 δε̣ π̣ρα̣γ̣μα̣

1. The restoration of this line is very doubtful: if the vestiges really belong to μο]ρφ[αι, των would project to the right beyond the following lines. [λαι μορφαι] τ[ων can equally well be read; but πολ must in that case be transferred to a line above, which would involve the inference that the extract contained more than the final chorus.

3. τ̣ α̣ε̣λ̣π̣τ̣ω̣ς̣: δ' α̣ε̣λ̣π̣τ̣ω̣ς̣ MSS. in all five places, but δ cannot possibly be read here, and α̣ε̣λ̣π̣τ̣ω̣ς̣ does not accord with the vestiges very well. The traces before τ̣ω̣ς̣ suit ε̣ε better than λ̣π̣.

4. δο̣κη̣σαν̣τ̣: δο̣κη̣θέν̣τ̣' MSS. The active is preferred by Blass on the ground that ε̣δο̣κῆ̣θην, apart from this chorus of Euripides, is a late form.

7. ευ̣ρε̣[[ν]]: the ν is much fainter than the surrounding letters and seems to have been intentionally smeared out. ε̣υ̣ρε̣ is generally found in the MSS., but ε̣υ̣ρε̣ν occurs as a variant in *Hel.* 1691.

26. ANAXIMENES (?), 'Ρητορικὴ πρὸς Ἀλέξανδρον.

Mummy A.

Height 12.8 cm. Circa B.C. 285-250. PLATE III (Cols. ix-xi).

This, the longest of the Hibeh literary papyri, consists of seventeen fragments from the so-called 'Ρητορικὴ πρὸς Ἀλέξανδρον, a treatise on rhetoric which already in the time of Athenaeus and perhaps even as early as the end of the third century B.C. passed as the work of Aristotle. The traditional view of its composition was decisively rejected in 1840 by Spengel, who endeavoured to substitute Anaximenes of Lampsacus, an older contemporary of Aristotle, as the author; and with so much success that for half a century his conclusions with regard to the Anaximenean authorship were hardly disputed. In 1892, however, Susemihl (*Gesch. d. Alex. Litt.* ii. pp. 451-7) re-examined the whole subject, and in opposition to the generally received view argued for a third century B.C. date for the treatise. Hammer, who re-edited the text after Spengel in 1894, leaves the question of authorship undecided. The new discovery, as we shall presently show, goes far to overthrow Susemihl's position and weaken his objections to the previously accepted conclusions of Spengel.

Parts of eighteen columns are extant, but of these only one (Col. x) is quite complete, and Cols. iii, iv, vi, viii, xii, xv, and xviii are represented by the merest fragments, while the rest are all much disfigured by lacunae. The MS. falls into three main divisions, (A) Cols. i-viii, which are continuous, then after a gap of several columns (B), comprising Cols. ix-xi, followed after a loss of one column by (C), Cols. xii-xviii. In (B), which originally formed part of a small breast-piece together with 16, the surface of the papyrus is clean and the ink perfectly clear (see Plate III); but in the other two sections the writing had mostly been covered with plaster and is in parts much obliterated. The columns contain from 20 to 23 lines, which are decidedly irregular in length, varying from 20 to 30 letters with an average of 26. Since the columns lean over somewhat towards the right, the lines near the top tend to project at the ends, those near the bottom at the beginnings. Paragraphi mark the commencements of new sections, and where these begin in the middle of a line a blank space is left three or four letters in width.

The handwriting is an unusually small uncial with a tendency to cursive forms in certain letters, particularly N, the last stroke of which projects far above the line; Ω retains much of its epigraphic character. A later date than the reign of Philadelphus is extremely improbable. On the verso is some third century B.C. cursive writing, too much damaged for continuous decipherment. Since this MS. of the *Ῥητορικὴ* itself thus belongs to the first half of the third century, the treatise can hardly have been composed later than B.C. 300, and a fourth century date for it may now be regarded as established. This does not of course prove that its author preceded Aristotle, as has been generally maintained by those who support the idea of the Anaximenean authorship; the contemporary papyrus 16 is probably the work of Theophrastus who was Aristotle's disciple. But now that the antiquity of the treatise is shown to have been somewhat underestimated by Susemihl, and the *terminus ante quem* can be fixed at B.C. 300 instead of 200, the older theory that the *Ῥητορικὴ πρὸς Ἀλέξανδρον* was the work of Anaximenes regains much of the ground which it has lost in the last fifteen years.

The extant MSS. of the treatise, which all belong to the fifteenth or sixteenth centuries, are divided by Spengel and Hammer into two classes, the better one composed of the MSS. called CFM, to which Hammer added OP, and the worse comprising ABDEGV. The existence of considerable interpolations in the treatise is generally suspected, in particular the introductory letter from Aristotle to Alexander, which has been long regarded as a later addition, and several passages chiefly towards the end, the true character of which was detected by Ipfelkopfer. On these the papyrus (henceforth called Π), since it

only covers the latter part of chapter 1 and most of chapters 2 and 3 (about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the whole work), does not throw any direct light, but it shows clearly that interpolations do not extend in any serious degree to those chapters; for, apart from an apparent omission in Col. xv probably due to homoioteleuton, there is only one considerable collocation of words found in the MSS. which is wanting in Π (l. 296, note), whereas in several passages Π supplies words or clauses which are omitted by the MSS. As would be expected with texts removed from each other by no less than seventeen centuries, the number of divergences in Π from the extant MSS. is very large; in fact two or three consecutive lines, where Π is at all well preserved, seldom pass without a new variant. Upon the merits of these it is sometimes difficult to decide owing to the incompleteness of the context, but in many cases Π unquestionably supplies the right reading. In particular several conjectures of the earlier editors are now confirmed, e.g. l. 3 *η υπ ανθρωπων* (*η υπ ενδοξων*) for *ἡ ἀνθρώπων* (*ἐνδόξων*) (Spengel); 17 *τουτον του τροπον* for *τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον* (Spengel); 117 *τριττω* for *περιττῶς* (Bekker); 121 the substitution of a phrase like *δεῖ μεθιστάναι* (*μεταστατεον* Π) for *πως* (Spengel); 293 *διελθωμεν* for *διέλωμεν* (Spengel); 313 *ο νομος* for *νόμος* (Spengel); 317 *τιμωσιν* for *ἴσασιν* or *εἰδῶσιν* (Spengel); cf. also notes on ll. 23 and 27. Other improvements in the text introduced by Π occur in ll. 30-1 *αυτον τε τον διαγορευοντα νομον λαμβανειν* for *αὐτόν τε τὸν ἀγορεύοντα καὶ τὸν νόμον λαμβάνειν*; 67-8 *Λακεδαιμονιοις συμμαχίαν ποιησαμενους* for *τὸ Λακεδαιμονίους συμμάχους ποιησαμένους*; 116 *τοις λογοις χρῆσθαι* for *χρήσασθαι* or *λόγῳ χρήσασθαι*; 140-1 *δαπαναν φιλοτιμίαν* for *ἐκονσίαν ἅπασαν φιλοτιμίαν*; 219 *αιδε* for *αὔται δεῖ* (*δέ*); 220 *καιρον παραπεπτωκοτος* for *καιρῶν παραπεπτωκότων*; 233 the insertion of *πολεμουντες*; 299 *ἐξηγησις* for *ἐξάγγελσις*; 302 *υποπτευθεντων* for *καθυποπτευθέντων*; 311 *ημαρτημενων* for *ἀδικημάτων*; cf. also notes on ll. 35, 142, 148-9, 164, 197, 231, 250, 271-6, and especially 316-8, where a whole clause is inserted. The numerous other variants in Π largely consist of minor alterations which hardly affect the sense; and though a text of this antiquity, written within a century of the composition of the work in question, naturally outweighs in most cases the evidence of MSS. which are so much later, confidence in Π is somewhat shaken by its inaccuracies. Not only are there several serious scribe's errors, l. 146 *γενομενων* for *πενομένων*; 160 *εις* misplaced; 162 *καιτοι πασιν* for *καὶ τοῖς παισίν*; 175 *υβριζουσιν* for *ὑβρίζειν*; 265 *εοικος* for *εἰκός*, and *ον* for *αὐτοῦ* or by a dittography; 280 *κα* for *κακά*; 281 *καμ μεν* for (apparently) *ὥς* (or *ὥ*) *εἰρήκαμεν*; 294 *ομοτροπως* for *ὁμοιοτρόπως*; 296 *συνεστηκην* for *συνέστηκεν*; 304 *εχοντες* for *ἐχόντων* or *ἐχοντος*; but, to say nothing of the probable omission of several lines through homoioteleuton in Col. xv (cf. ll. 246-50, note), there are several places where Π's reading, if not absolutely wrong, is distinctly inferior to that of the MSS., e.g. l. 72 *ουτω* for *ὧδε*;

118-9 *αναγκαιον* . . . *διαφυλαττειν* for *διαφυλακτέον*; 137 the transference of *μεν*; 170 the omission of *μεν*; 269 the insertion of *μεν*.

Compared with the divergence of Π from both groups of MSS., the differences between the latter appear trivial; and since the variations between the two families do not happen to be very strongly marked in the passages where Π's readings are preserved with complete or tolerable certainty, the evidence of the new find does not greatly assist towards deciding the merits of the MSS. As commonly occurs with papyri, the text of Π is of an eclectic character. In seven cases it agrees with the so-called 'better' codices, CFMOP (or most of them) against ABDEGV (or most of them) which Spengel and Hammer call the 'worse'; l. 108 *τας αλλας* against *ἄλλας*; 115 *περι τούτων ενδέχεται* against *ενδέχεται περὶ τούτων*; 178 *στερομενον* against *στερούμενον*; probably 223 *αυτων* against *ἐαυτῶν*; 279 *τοῖς λόγοις* against *τὸν λόγον*; 304 *ταυτας* against *τὰς αὐτάς*; 315 *οπως* against *ὅπως ἄν*. Where the MSS. of that group are divided Π tends to favour CF (especially F) against MOP whether these are supported by the 'deteriores' or not; cf. the notes on ll. 11, 35, 82, 86, 147, 191, 229, 244, and 266, and the numerous slips in M, O, and P, e.g. in ll. 93, 102, 114, 145, 162, 191, 218, 237, 276, and 306. On the other hand Π supports the so-called 'deteriores' against the other group in l. 127 (apparently) *διοτι* against *ὅτι*, 234-5 *ευτυχιαν* against *ἐνψυχίαν*, and 254 *προτερος* against *πρότερον*; and in three instances the 'deteriores' or some of them alone preserve Π's reading in a corrupt form, l. 116 *λόγῳ χρησασθαι* against *χρήσασθαι* (*τοῖς λόγοις χρησθαι*, Π), 231 *ὅτι πλείστα τούτων* against *ὅτι τὰ πλείστα τούτων* (*τούτων οτι πλείστα*, Π), and 241 *τοιούτων ὁμοιοτρόπως* against *τοιούτων* (*τούτοις ὁμοιοτροπων*, Π). On the whole the new evidence indicates that Spengel and Hammer were right in thinking F to be the best MS., but that Hammer, who pays less attention than Spengel to the 'deteriores,' somewhat underestimates their relative importance, since the preference of Π, so far as it goes, for the reading of the CFMOP group is very slight, and some of the apparent errors of the 'deteriores' seem to be due to their partial preservation of genuine readings, which by a process of correction have disappeared from the other family. Our restorations of the lacunae are taken, when Π provides no definite indications to the contrary, from the text of Hammer, to whose edition the pages and lines mentioned at the head of each column refer.

Frs. (a), (b), and (c). Col. i, p. 15, 3-17.

[ω]ν [α]ντοις λεγ[ειν και τ]ων εναντι
[ω]ν αυτοις κα[ι των ηδ]η κ[ε]κρ[ι]με
[ν]ων η υπο θ[εω]ν [η] υπ ανθρ[ω]π[ων]

- [η] υπ ἐ[νδοξ]ων [κρι]τ[ων] η υπο των
 5 [αντ]αγ[ωνισ]τ[ων] ημιν το] μεν ο[υ]ν
 [δικαιον οιον εστι προτερον ημιν]
 [δεδηλωται το δε ομοιον τωι δι]
 [καιωι τοιονδε εσ]τιν ωσπερ γα[ρ]
 [δικαιον νομιζομε]ν το τοις γο[ν]ευ
 10 [σι πειθεσθαι τον αυ]τον τροπον
 [πρ]οσηκει το[υ]ς υ[ι]εις μιμεισθαι
 [τα]ς των π[α]τερ[ων] π[ρ]α[ξι]ς κα[ι]
 [καθαπε]ρ τ[ους] ε[ν] ποιησαντας αν
 [τευερ]γετειν [δ]ικαιον εστιν ουτω
 15 [του]ς μ[η]δεν κακον εργασαμενους
 [ημ]ας δ[ικαιον εστι] μη βλαπτειν
 [το με]ν [ουν ομοιον τ]ωι [δι]καιω[ι] τ[ου]
 [το]ν τον [τροπον δει λαμβανειν
 [εκ δ]ε τ[ων] εναντιων χρη κατα
 20 [φανες ποιειν το αυτο παραδειγμα]
 [καθαπε]ρ γαρ τους κα[κον τι ποιη
 [σαντας δ]ικαιον εστι τ[ι]μω[ρ]εισθ[αι] ου
 [τω κ]αι τους ευεργετησαντ[α]ς . . .

Frs. (b), (d), and (g). Col. ii, p. 15, 20—16, 7.

4 lines lost.

- Α[θ]ηναιοι και Λακεδαιμονιοι
 25 [δικαιον κρινο]ν[σ]ι τ[ο]υς εχθρους τι
 [μωρεισθαι το μ]εν δ[η] δικ[αιον] ου[τω]
 [μετιων πολλ]αχ[ω]ς ληψη[ι] τ[ο] δε
 νο[μιμον] α[υτο] μεν ο εστι[ν] ωρισται
 ημιν [προτε]ρον δει δ οποταν [χρη
 30 σιμο]ν ηι αυτο]ν τε τ[ο]ν διαγορευο[ν]
 τα νο[μον] λα[μβανειν] ειτα το [ομοι
 [ον τωι γεγρ]αμμενοι νομω[ι] ει[η] δε
 [αν τοιονδε ω]σπερ γαρ ο νομοθετης
 τ[αις] μεγα[ις]ταις ζημιας τους

35 κλεπτοῦντας κολαζει ουτω δει κα[ι
 τους εξαπατωντας μαλιστα
 τ[ι]μωρε[ισθ]α[ι] κα[ι] γαρ ουτ[οι] κλε
 πτουσι την διανοιαν και καταπερ
 ο νο[μ]οθετ[ης] κλ[ηρο]νο[μους] εποι
 40 ησε το[υ]ς εγγυτατω γενους ον
 τας τοις απ[αισιν] αποθν[ησκουσιν]
 ουτω των τ[ου] απελε[υθε]ρου χρη[

Frs. (d) and (e).

Col. iii, p. 16, 13-22.

[νους] αυτα παντας αδικειν ο νο[μ]ο
 [θετης] εκρινεν ει γαρ τιμα[σθαι]
 45 [οι] νομοι προσταττουσι το[ν]υ[ς] κα[λως]
 [και] δικαιως των κοινων επιστατησ[αν]
 [τας] δηλον ως και τους τα δημοσι[α]
 [διαφθειραντας] τιμωριας] α[ξι]
 ους νομιζ[ουσιν] κ[ακ]
 50 [των] εναντιων το νομι[μ]ον κατα
 [φανες] ουτω γινεται εκ δε των
 [κεκριμενων] ωδε και ου μονον] εγω
 [τον] νομον τουτον ενεκα τουτ[ων]
 [φημι] τον νομοθετην θειναι αλλα] και
 55 [προτερον] οι δικασται παρα]πλη

Fr. (e).

Col. iv, p. 17, 10-11.

κα[ι] ταις πολεσιν ομονοουσαις
 57 π[ροσκοπειν] μη στασιασωσι

Fr. (f).

Col. v, p. 17, 11-25.

τα με[ν] ουν ομοια τωι συμφεροντι του
 του το[ν] τροπον μετι[ων] [πολλα
 60 ποιη[σ]εις εκ δε των εναντι[ω]ν ωδε]

[το συ]μφερο[ν] ἐσ[ται] καταφανες
 ει γαρ λυσιτ[ελεί] τους επιεικεις τιμαν
 των πολιτ[ω]ν [σ]υ[μ]φερον αν ειη και
 του[ς] πονηρ[ο]υς κολαζειν ει γαρ οιος
 65 θε [ο]ν [συ]μφερον ειναι τ[ο] μονους ημας
 προς Θηβ[αιους] πολεμειν συμφε
 [ρ]ον α[ν] ε[ι]η Δ[ακε]δαιμ[ο]νιοις συμμα
 [χ]ια[ν] ποιησαμενους] ουτω Θηβαιois
 πολ[εμ]ειν [εκ] μεν δη των εναν
 70 τιφ[ν] ουτω το συμφερον κατα
 [φ]ανε[ς] πα[ι]ησε[ι]ς το δε κεκριμε
 [νο]ν υπο [ενδοξων κ]ριτων ουτω
 [χρη λαμβανειν Δα]κεδαιμονιοι
 [τε γαρ Αθηναιοις κ]αταπολε
 75 [μ]ησαντες συμφ[ε]ρειν αυτοις
 [ωιηθησαν μη την πολ]ιν αυτων
 [εξανδραποδι]σ[α]σ[θαι] και
 [παλιν Αθηναιοι μετα] Θηβαιων
 [εξον ανοικισαι την Σ]παρτην

Frs. (f) and (g).

Col. vi, p. 17, 25—18, 14.

80 [συμφερειν σφισιν ωιηθησαν περι]
 π[ο]ι[η]σαι Λακεδαιμονιους περι
 μ[ε]ν [του δικαιου και του νομιμου και
 του [συμφεροντος ουτω μετιων ευπο
 ρησ[εις] το δε καλον και το ραιδιον και
 85 τ[ο] ηδυ και το δυνατον και το αναγκαι
 ο[ν] ομοιοτροπως τουτοις μετιθι και
 π[ε]ρι μεν τουτων εντευθεν ευπο
 ρ[η]σομεν παλιν δε διορισωμεθα και
 [περι ποσων και ποιων και τινων εν τε]
 90 τ[οις] βουλευτηριοις και ταις εκκλη
 σ[ιαις] συμβουλευομεν αν γαρ του
 τ[ω]ν εκαστα σαφως επιστωμε[θ]α

τ[ους μεν ι]διους λογους αυτα τα
 π[ραγματα] καθ εκαστην ημιν
 95 τη[ν συμβου]λιαν παραδωσει τ[ας
 δε [κοινας ιδε]ας εκ πολλου προειδο
 [τ]ε[ς επιφερειν] εφ εκαστας των
 πρα[ξεων ραιδιως δυν]ησομεθα του
 τω[ν ουν ενεκα διαιρετεον ημι]ν
 100 πε[ρι ων κοινηι βουλευονται παν
 τες [εν κεφαλαιωι μεν ουν ειπειν

Frs. (g) and (h).

Col. vii, p. 18, 14—19, 4.

[εισιν επτα τον] αριθμον προθεσεις
 [περι ων δημ]ηγορητεον αναγκαι
 [ον γαρ εστι] βου[λ]ευσθαι και λε
 105 [γειν ημας εν βο]υληι η εν δημωι
 [περι ιερων η νομων η] περι της πολι
 [τικης κατασκευης η] πε[ρι τ]ων προ[ς]
 [τας αλλας πολεις σ]υμμαχιω[ν] και
 [συμβολαιων η περι πολ]εμ[ων η
 110 [ειρηνης η περι πορου χρη]μα[των] αι
 [μεν ουν προθεσεις αυτ]αι τυγ[χανου
 [σι περι ων βου]λευσομε[θ]α [και δημη
 [γορησο]μεν εκαστην δε προθεσιν
 διελωμεθα και σκοπωμεν εν οis
 115 τροποις περι τουτων ενδεχεται
 τοis λογοis χρησθαι περι μεν [ουν
 ιερων τριττωs [α]ναγκα[ιον λε
 γειν η γαρ εrouμεν ωs αναγκ[α]ιον
 τα καθεστωτα δ[ια]φυλαττειν
 120 η ωs επι το μεγαλοπρεπεστε
 ρον μεταστατεον η ωs επι το τα{τα}
 πεινότερον οταμ μεν ουν λεγω
 μεν ωs δει τα καθεστωτα διαφυ

Frs. (g) and (h).

Col. viii, p. 19, 5-10.

λατ[τειν ευρησομεν αφορμας εκ μεν
 125 του [δικαιου διοτι παρα πασι τα πα
 τρια [εθη παραβαινειν αδικον εστι
 και δ[ιοτι τα μαντεια παντα τοις
 ανθ[ρωποις προσταττει κατα τα
 πατ[ρια ποιεισθαι τας θυσιας
 130 και τ[ων πρωτων οικιζοντων
 τα[ς πολεις και τοις θεοις ιδρυ
 10 lines lost.

κ[
 α[
 σ[
 135 ν[

Frs. (i) and (k).

Col. ix, p. 22, 3-17. PLATE III.

[ειη συλληβδη]ν δε δει παραφυλατ
 [τειν οπως οι μεν] νομοι το πληθος
 [αποτρεψουσι τοις τας ουσιας εχουσιν
 [επιβουλευειν τοις δε πλουτουσιν
 140 [εις τας κοινας λει]τουργιας δαπαναν
 [φιλοτιμιαν εμπο]ιησουσιν τουτο
 [δε ουτως αν τις π]αρασκευασειεν ει
 [τοις μεν τας ουσι]ας εχουσιν αντι
 [των εις το κοινον δ]απανωμενων τι
 145 [μαι τινες απο τ]ων νομων αφωρι
 [σμεν[αι τυ]γχα[νοιε]ν των δε γενομε
 [νω]ν το[υς τ]ην χ[ωραν ερ]γαζομενους
 [τε] και τους [ναυτικο]υς μαλλον
 [των] αγ[οραι]ω[ν προτι]μαν ουτω γαρ
 150 [οι μεν πλουτουντες ε]κοντες τη
 [πολει λειτουργησουσ]ιν το δε πλη
 [θος ου συκοφαντιας αλ]λ εργασιας επι
 [θυμησει]ν και περι του

[μητε χωραν αναδαστ]ον ποιειν
 155 [μητε δημευειν τας ο]υσιας των
 [15 letters σ]αντων ισχ[υ
 [ρους κεισθαι νομους κ]αι [με]γαλας

Fr. (i). Col. x, p. 22, 17—23, 4. PLATE III.

επικεισθαι τιμωριας τοις παρα
 βαινουσιν ταυτα χρη και τοις εν
 160 τωι πολεμωι τελευτησασι ταφην
 δημοσιον χωριον εγ καλωι προ της
 πολεως αφωρισθαι καιτοι πασιν αυ
 των εως ηβησωσι εις τροφην διδοναι
 τωμ μεν ουν εν ταις δημοκραταιαις
 165 νομων τοιαυτην δει την θεσιν
 ποιεισθαι περι δε τας ολιγαρχιας
 τας μεν αρχας δει τους νομους
 κατανεμειν εξ ισου πασι τοις της
 πολιτειας μετεχουσιν τουτων
 170 δ ειναι τας πλειστας κληρωτας
 τας δε μεγαistas κρυφαιαι ψηφωι
 μεθ ορκων και πλειστης ακριβει
 ας διαψηφιστας δει δε και τας ζη
 μιας εν ταις ολιγαρχια[ις] μεγα
 175 στας επικεισθαι τοις υβριζουσιν
 τινας των πολιτων επιχειρουσιν
 [το] γαρ πληθος ουχ ουτω των αρ
 χων αγανακτει στερομενον ως

Fr. (2). Col. xi, p. 23, 4-17. PLATE III.

εχει βαρεως υ[βριζομενον χρη δε
 180 [τ]ας διαφορας τ[ων] πολιτων οτι
 [τ]αχιστα διαλυ[ειν]
 και μη [σ]υναγ[ειν] εκ της χωρας
 τον οχλ[ον] εις τ[ην] πολιν εκ γαρ των

τοιουτω[ν συ]νο[δων συστρεφεται
 185 τα πληθ[η κ]αι [καταλνει τας ολι
 γαρχιας κ[αθ]ολο[ν δε ειπειν δει
 εμ μεν τα[ις δημοκρατιας κωλυνειν
 τους πολ[λους ταις των πλουσιων
 ουσιας επ[ι]βουλευειν εν δε ταις
 190 ολιγαρχ[ιας αποτρεπειν τους
 της πολι[τειας μετεχοντας
 υβριζειν τ[ους ασθενεστερους
 και συκοφα[ντειν τους πολιτας ων
 μεν ουν ορε[γεσθαι δει τους νομους
 195 και τη[ν] π[ολιτικην κατασκευ
 ην εκ τ[ο]υτων ουκ αγνοησεις
 δει δε συ[ν]αγορευοντα μεν νομωι
 δεικνυν[αι τουτον ισον οντα τοις
 πολιτ[αις ομολογουμενον τε

Fr. (l).

Col. xii, p. 24, 14-19.

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 200 [και πλησιον το[ις τοπ[οις] κατ[οι
 κουντας ει δε μη] τουτων απερ [αν ν
 [παρχηι συναγει]ν [οτα]ν δ[ε] διακωλυ
 [ηις την συμμαχιαν ε]μφανιζειν
 [ενδεχεται πρωτο]μ μεν ως ου
 205 [κ αναγκη ποιεισθαι] νυν αυτην
 [επειθ ως ου δικαιοι τυγχ]ανουσιν οντ[ες]

Frs. (l), (m), (n), and (o). Col. xiii, p. 24, 19-25, 8.

[ειθ ως] π[ροτερον ημας κακως ποιη
 [σα]ντες [14 letters ει δε μη
 [ως] μακρ[αν τοις τοποις απεχοντες
 210 και αδυνατοι οντες κατα τους προση
 [κο]ν[τας παραγενεσθαι καιρους ταις
 [μ]εν ο[υν 18 letters]εσιν

- τὰ[ς] περὶ τῶν συμμαχ[ῶν] ἐκ τούτων
 [κ]αὶ τ[ῶν] τούτοις ὁμοιο[τροπῶν] εὐπο
 215 [ρ]ησομ[έν] χρῆσθαι] περὶ πολέμου
 [δ]ε καὶ ἐ[ι]ρη[νῆς] τὸν] αὐτὸν τροπὸν
 τὰ[ς] μεγ[ι]στάς] ἰδέας ἐγλαβόμεν
 [πρ]οφάσει[ς] μὲν] οὖν εἰσὶν τοῦ πολέμου
 [ἐκφέρειν] πρὸς τι[νάς] αἰδε προτε
 220 [ρ]ο[ν] ἀδικη[θέντας] νῦν καιροῦ παρα
 πεπτ[ωκοτος] ἀμυνασθαι τοὺς
 [ἀδ]ικ[ο]υ[ν]τ[ας] ἡ νῦν ἀδικουμένους ὑπερ
 αὐτῶν πο[λέμειν] ἡ ὑπερ συγγενῶν ἡ
 [υ]περ ἐνεργετῶν ἡ συμμαχοῖς
 225 ἀδ[ικ]ο[υ]με[νο]ις βοήθειν ἡ τοῦ τη
 πο[λ]εῖ συμ[φεροντος] ἐνεκεν ἡ εἰς

Fr. (o).

Col. xiv, p. 25, 10-18.

2 lines lost.

- [ἐπὶ] τὸ πολέμειν παρακαλωμέν τοῦ
 [τῶν] τε τ[ῶν] προφάσεων ὅτι π[λείστας]
 [συν]ακτεὸν καὶ μετὰ ταυτ[ὰ] δεικτεὸν
 230 [ὡς] ἐξ ὧν ἐστὶν περιγενεσθ[αί] τῳ
 πολέμῳ τούτων ὅτι πλε[ίστα] τοῖς
 παρακαλουμένοις ἐστὶ ὑπ[α]ρ[χόντα]
 περιγίνονται δὲ πάντες πολ[έμουν]
 τες ἡ διὰ τὴν τῶν θεῶν εὐνοίαν [ἣν] εὐ
 235 τυχίαν ἡμεῖ[ς] κ[α]λ[ο]υ[με]ν [ἣ] διὰ σώμα
 τῶν πληθὸς [καὶ] ρωμὴν ἡ διὰ χρη
 ματῶν [εὐπορίαν] ἡ διὰ στρατη
 γοῦ φ[έρον]σιν ἡ διὰ συμμαχῶν
 ἀρετ[ήν] ἡ διὰ τοπῶν
 240 εὐφ[υ]ίαν τούτων οὖν καὶ τῶν
 τούτοις ὁμοιοτροπῶν τὰ τοῖς πρα
 γμασ[ιν] οἰκειοτάτα λαμβά

Fr. (p).

Col. xv, p. 29, 15—30, 8.

- [φαινονται μειζους ο]ταν προ [β]ραχ[υ
 [τερους παραστωσιν ε]σται δε κα[ι
 245 [ωδε αυξειν ει κεκρι]τα[ι] μ[ε]γα
 [αγαθον] . μ[ε]γα . .
 [18 letters] ν . [.] . [.] .
 [23 „] . . [.] ν
 [24 „] . .
 250 [25 „] α
 [εκ διανοιας συμβιβα]ζων [ως]
 [εκ πολλου προενοησεν ως πο]λλων
 [επεβαλετο ως πολυν χρονον ε]πρα
 [ττεν ως ουδεις αλλος π]ροτερος
 255 [τουτοις ενεχειρησεν ως] μετα
 [τουτων επραξε μεθ ων ο]υδεις [α]λ
 [λος ως επι τουτοις μεθ ους ου]
 [δεις ετερος ως εκων ως ε]κ προ
 [νοιας ως ει παντες ποιου]μεν
 260 [ευδαιμονοιμεν αν η πραττοιμ]εν
 [φανλως χρη·δε και ει]καξ[ο]ν
 [τα συμβιβαζειν και εποικοδομουντα]
 [το ετερον ως επι το ετερον αυξει]ν
 [τροπωι τοιωιδε οστις δε των φιλων] κη

Fr. (p).

Col. xvi, p. 30, 8—21.

- 265 δε[ξ]ται ε[ξ]ικος και τους γον[ε]ις τιμαν ου
 ο[σ]τις δε [τ]ου[ς] γ[ο]νεις τιμ[αι] ουτος
 και τ[η]ν πα[τ]ριδα τ[η]ν [ε]αυτου β[ο]ν
 λη[σ]εται ε[ν] ποιειν συλληβδην δ[ε] εαν
 μεν πολλω[ν] αιτιον αποφαινηις ε
 270 αν τ α[γ]α[θ]ω[ν] εαν τε κακων μ[ε]γαλα
 φανειται σ[κο]πειν δε . . . [ν] . [ν] . [ν] .

ποτερον μειζον φαι[νεται το πρ]α
 γμα κατα μερη διαιρουμ[ενον η κ]α
 θο[λο]ν λεγομενον ο[π]οτ[ε]ρωσ αν ο]υν
 275 μειζον ηι τουτον τον τ[ρ]οπον αυ
 το δει λεγειν τα[ς] μεν [ο]υν αυξη
 σεις ουτως μετιων πλειστας και
 μεγα[ι]στας ποιησεις τ[α]πεινωσεις
 δε τοις λογοις και ταγα[θα] και τα
 280 κα τον εναντιον τροπον μετιων
 ευρησεις καμ μεν επι τωμ μεγα
 λων και μαλι[σ]τα μεν μηδενος
 αιτιον επιδεικνυειν ει δε μη ως ελα
 χιστων και μικροτατων [ω]ς με
 285 ν ουν εγκωμ[ια]ζοντες κα[ι] ψ[υ]εγοντες

Fr. (p).

Col. xvii, p. 30, 21—31, 8.

αυξησομεν κ[αι] ταπεινωσομεν απ[ερ]
 αν εκφερωμεν εκ τουτων ισμεν
 χρη[σ]ιμ[αι] [δε] των αυξησεων εισιν α[ι]
 [α]φ[ορ]μαι και εν το[ι]ς αλλοις ειδεσιν αλ
 290 λα [η πλειστη] δυναμεις εν τοις εγ
 κωμ[ι]οις και το[ι]ς ψογοις εστιν αυτ[αι]ς
 π[ε]ρι μεν ουν τουτων εντευθεν
 ευπορησομεν διελθωμεν δ[ε]
 παλιν τουτοις ομοτ[ρ]οπως το [τε
 295 κατηγορικον και απολ[ο]γικο]ν ειδ[ο]ς
 εξ ων συνεστηκην και [ω]ς αυτοις
 δει χρηση[θ]αι εστι δε το μεν κατηγο
 ρικον συλληβδην ειπειν αδικη
 ματων και αμαρτηματ[ων] εξηγησις
 300 το δ απολογικον αδικηματων
 και αμαρτηματων κατη[γ]ορη
 θεντων η υποπτευθεντων δια
 λυσις εκατερων δε τ[ω]ν ειδων

τα[s δ]υναμεις ταντας εχ[ο]ντες τον
 305 κα[τηγορουντα] τ[ο]ντ . . [. . ανα]γ
 κα[ιον λεγειν οταν] μεν [εις πονηρι]αν

Fr. (p).

Col. xviii, p. 31, 14-20.

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 τ[ο παρατηρειν τους κατηγο]
 ρουντας επι ποιοις [των κατη
 γορηματων οι [νομοι τας τιμω
 310 ριας ταττο]υσιν και περι α
 των ημαρτ[ημενων οι δικασται
 τας ζημια[s οριζουσιν οταν με
 ν ουν ο νομος δ[ι]ωρ[ικως] ηι τουτο
 δει μονον σκοπειν [τον κατηγο
 315 ρ[ο]ν οπως επιδειξ[ηι το πραγμα
 γεγενημεν[ο]ν [οταν δ οι δικασται
 τιμωσιν πρω[τον μεν αναγκη
 [επ]ιδειξαι τα κατ[ηγορουμενα

Fr. (r).

Fr. (s).

Fr. (t).

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]καπα[
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]ντ . . [
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1-5. (ομοι)ω]ν κ.τ.λ.: the whole sentence in the MSS. runs *εὐπορήσομεν δὲ περὶ τούτων λέγειν ἐξ αὐτῶν τε τῶν προειρημένων καὶ τῶν ὁμοίων τούτοις καὶ τῶν ἐναντίων αὐτοῖς καὶ τῶν ἡδὴ κεκριμένων ὑπὸ θεῶν ἢ ἀνθρώπων ἐνδόξων ἢ ὑπὸ κριτῶν ἢ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀνταγωνιστῶν ἡμῖν*. The papyrus (Π) exhibits several variations. *λεγειν* is placed later in the sentence, after *ομοιω]ν* [*α]ντοις*, which, owing to considerations of space, is more likely to have stood in the text than *ομοιω]ν* [*το]ντοις*. Possibly *κακ* should be restored in place of *και* in l. 1, but the supplement is already rather long for the lacuna. Before *υπο θεων* Π inserts *η*, and before *ανθρωπων* adds *νπ*, while *ενδοξων* is transferred from *ανθρωπων* to *κριτων*, whether *νπ* [*νδοξ]*ων [*κρι*][*των*] is read, as we propose, or *υπο* [*κριτ]*ων [*ενδοξ]*ων, which is also possible if the supposed *τ* is regarded as ink that has come off from a different layer in the cartonnage. The transfer of the epithet is an improvement; cf. l. 72, where Π has *υπο* [*ενδοξων κ]*ριτων in place of *ὑπ' ἐνδόξων* of the MSS. in a passage which develops in detail the general statement in l. 4. *ἀνθρώπων* by itself makes a better antithesis to *θεῶν* than *ἀνθρώπων ἐνδόξων*, and Spengel (p. 111) had already remarked that *ἢ ὑπὸ θεῶν ἢ ὑπὸ ἀνθρώπων* would be expected —which is what Π actually has.

9. το: om. MSS.

11. το[υ]ς υ[ι]εις μιμεισθαι: so Hammer with CFM and the deteriores; μιμείσθαι τοὺς υἱούς OP Ald.

15. κακον εργασαμενους [ημ]ας: ἡμᾶς κακὸν ἐργασαμένους MSS. except V which has κακὸν ἡμᾶς ἐργασαμένους.

17. τ[ο]υ[το]ν τον [τροπον: τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον MSS. Spengel had already proposed to place τοῦτον first.

22. ουτω κα[ι]: so Hammer following Spengel; the MSS. place οὕτω after εὐεργετήσαντας. The reading of the papyrus is not quite certain. Lines 21, 22, and 23 as far as σαντ[are on a separate fragment (c), and the exact position of the two parts of l. 23 cannot be determined by external evidence. Adopting the arrangement in the text, according to which only α is supposed to be lost between σαντ[and]σ . . ., it is necessary to supply ουτω between τ[ι]μω[ρ]εισθ[αι and κ]αι, as ευεργετησαντ[α]ς ουτω cannot be read. But a difficulty is caused by the last three letters of the line: the surface of the papyrus is much damaged at this point, and it is hard to distinguish what is the original ink from what has come off from a different layer. The vestiges following the σ, which is clear, do not suit the beginnings of either προσηκει or αντενεργετειν, the two last words of the sentence in the MSS., for though ρο is possible there is not space for π between that and the σ.

25. [δικαιον κρινο]ν[σ]ι: δίκαιον εἶναι κρίνουσι MSS., which is too long for the lacuna.

26. μ[ε]ν δ[η]: μέν οὖν MSS.; but Π's reading is very uncertain. The letter before ν could equally well be υ, i.e. ο]νν, but then it is very difficult to account for the following δ (or α), unless the beginning of δικαιον was written twice by mistake. There are some very faint traces of the penultimate letter before]εν or νν, but not sufficient to help in deciding between το μ[ε]ν or μ[ε]ν ο]νν.

27. πολλ[α]χ[ω]ς: so Spengel; πολλάκις MSS., Hammer. But Π's reading is very uncertain.

28. ο: οἶον MSS.

29. οπ[ο]ταν: ὅπου ἄν MSS., but the letter preceding αν is more like τ than υ. οπως αν might also be read.

29-30. χρη]σιμ[ο]ν ηι αυτο]ν: ἡ χρησίμων αὐτόν MSS., avoiding the hiatus. It is not certain that the order was different in the papyrus, but the lacuna in l. 30 corresponds to νπροτερ in l. 29 and ομονλαμ in l. 31, so that [ναυτο] is rather short for it, while [ηιχρη] would make l. 29 rather long.

30-31. αυτο]ν τε [τ]ον δια[ο]ρεο[ν]τα νο[μ]ον λα]μβανειν: αὐτόν τε τὸν ἀγορεύοντα καὶ τὸν νόμον λαμβάνειν MSS., which will hardly construe, and is probably a corruption of the true reading found in Π.

34. τ[αι]ς: om. MSS.

35. κλεπ[ο]ντας κολαζει: κλέπτας ἐκόλασεν MSS. κλεπτοντας makes a better contrast than κλέπτας with εξαπατωντας in l. 36.

δει: so Hammer with CF and the deteriores; δῆ MOP Ald.

39. ε[πο]ι[η]σε: πεποιηκε MSS.

42. των: καὶ τῶν MSS.

τ[ο]ν: so Hammer with CFM and the deteriores; om. OP.

43-7. The vestiges of these lines are very slight and the reconstruction very uncertain.

48-9. ους νομιζ[with a paragraphus below is on the fragment (d) containing most of Col. ii, but the position of those letters in relation to Fr. (e) containing Cols. iii and iv is rendered certain by the writing on the verso, although Col. iii proves to be shorter by 3 lines than Col. ii. After νομιζουσιν there may have been a blank space of 3 or 4 letters, so that the lacuna before]ακ may be reduced from 10 letters to 6. The MSS.

proceed ἐκ μὲν οὖν τῶν ἐναντίων, and οὖν would be expected at the end of the line, but the two letters that remain are almost certainly ακ. Since εκ must have occurred somewhere in l. 49, we propose κ]ακ, i.e. καὶ ἐκ, though this goes far to necessitate the alteration of μὲν οὖν, which would almost fill up the lacuna between νομι[ζουσιν and κ]ακ. It is just possible that εκ μὲν οὖν κ]αι τ[ων | ἐναντίων should be read, but the vestiges suit κ much better than ιτ.

50-1. The order of words in the MSS. is ἐναντίων καταφανὲς οὕτω γίνεται τὸ νόμιμον, from which the papyrus must have varied, since only 20 letters are available in l. 51 between κ]ατα and the end of the sentence. The vestiges before [. . κ]ατα suit μ and are not easily reconcilable with the termination of ἐναντίων or γίνεται. There is room for 3 or 4 letters more than our supplement of the lacuna in l. 51, but there may well have been a blank space left between γίνεται and εκ.

54. The supplement, 26 letters, is rather long for the lacuna; in the corresponding space in the other lines the letters lost do not exceed 23.

55. παρα[πλη](σια): διεξιόντος Λυσισίδου παραπλήσια MSS. Π either omitted διεξιόντος Λυσισίδου or, more probably, placed the words later in the sentence.

56-7. Working back from τα με[ν] in l. 58, the π in l. 57 seems to be the initial letter of π[ροσκοπειν] which is found in ABDV in place of σκοπεῖν (CEFGMOP, Hammer), and κ in l. 56 must belong to κ]αι. There is not room in l. 56 for the reading of the MSS. καὶ ταῖς πόλεσιν ὁμονοοῦσαις συμφέρον ἐστὶ, and probably συμφέρον ἐστὶ was omitted or placed before καὶ or a shorter phrase, e.g. δεῖ, substituted.

60. ωδ[ε]: ὡδέ σοι MSS.

61. [το συ]μφερον[ν]: so Hammer with CFMP and the deteriores; om. O.

62. τιμῶν τῶν πολιτ[ω]ν: τῶν πολιτῶν τιμῶν MSS.

64. του[ς]: so Hammer with CFMO and the deteriores; om. P.

65. [ο]ν [συ]μφερον εἶναι: ἀσύμφορον MSS. Cf. l. 210, note.

67-8. Δ[ακε]δαμ[ο]νίοις συμμα[χ]ία[ν] ποιησαμένων: τὸ Λακεδαιμονίους συμμαχούς ποιησαμένων ἡμῶς MSS. τό is not essential, and in other respects the new reading, which avoids the ambiguity of subject and object in that of the MSS., is preferable.

70. συμπερον: so Hammer with CFMP and the deteriores; om. O.

72. υπο[ενδοξων κ]ριτων: ὑπ' ἐνδόξων συμφέρον MSS.; cf. note on ll. 1-5.

οὕτω: ὡδέ MSS., which is better. οὕτω has just occurred twice previously, in ll. 68 and 70.

77. [εξανδραποδι]σα[σ]θαι: ἀνδραποδίσασθαι, the reading of the MSS., is too short for the initial lacuna, which requires 11-13 letters.

78. μετα] Θηβαιων: om. MSS., which insert αὐτοῖς after ἐξόν in the next line. For the occasion referred to in ll. 78-81 cf. Dem. *De Cor.* pp. 258-9.

82. με[ν] [του]: so CF; μὲν οὖν τοῦ Hammer with the other MSS. The insertion of οὖν would make a line of 32 letters, which is unlikely; possibly Π had καὶ περὶ | με[ν] [του].

86. τουτοις is omitted by MOP, but probably stood in Π. The restorations of ll. 82, 85, and 86 involve lines of 29 letters, that of l. 84 a line of 30 letters, which is 2 or 3 letters more than the average length of ll. 87-101; but it is fairly certain that l. 83 had 28 letters, and it is better to suppose that the lines at the top of this column were slightly longer than those below in spite of the fact that the beginnings of lines tend to slope away to the left, than to suppose that Π differed extensively from the MSS. in ll. 80-86.

88. If there was no space before παλιν there is just room for the reading of the MSS. παλιν δὲ διορισώμεθα (or -σύμεθα) καὶ in this line. But elsewhere, when the writer inserts a paragraphus and the new sentence had begun in the line above, a space of from 2-4 letters is left. Hence it is not unlikely that Π had ορισώμεθα (as conjectured by

Spengel) or omitted *και* at the end of l. 88. Line 89, as restored, is already quite long enough, so that *και* cannot be transferred to it without omitting some other word.

93. *τους μεν ιδιους*: so Hammer with CFMP and the deteriores; om. *τους* O.

95. *την*: om. MSS.

παράδωσει: so Hammer with CFMO and the deteriores; *παράδιδωσι* P.

97. *εκάστας*: *ἐκάσταις* MSS. Π's reading may be right.

102. *τον αριθμον*: so H. with CFM and the deteriores; *τῶν ἀριθμῶν* P; om. O.

103. *δημηγορητεον*: *δημηγορήσομεν* MSS.

αναγκαιον: *ἀνάγκη* MSS.

104. *βου[λ]ευσθαι*: *καὶ βουλεύεσθαι* MSS., but there is not room for both *και* and *εστι* in the lacuna. The reading *βου[λ]ευσθαι* is very uncertain. The traces following the supposed β (which might be read ο) would suit τ better than ου.

105. *η εν δημοι [περι ιερων η νομων: καὶ δῆμῳ ἢ περὶ ἱερῶν ἢ περὶ νόμων* MSS. Possibly [η *περι* should be read in l. 106, but the supplement is already quite long enough, and for *περι* before *νομων* there is certainly no room; cf. 109-10, note.

108. *[τας αλλας*: so Hammer with CFM (and OP?); om. *τάς* the deteriores. The size of the lacuna makes it practically certain that Π had *τας*.

109-10. CFOP and the deteriores have *ἡ περὶ εἰρήνης ἢ περὶ πόρου*, which is 4 or 5 letters too long for the lacuna here, while M omits *ἡ περὶ εἰρήνης*, with which reading Π cannot be brought into agreement. The simplest course is to suppose the omission of *περι* before either *ειρηνης* or *πορου*, preferably the former; cf. l. 105, note.

111. The supplement is rather long for the lacuna, and *μεν* or *ουν* may have been omitted; cf. l. 82, note.

τυγχανουσι: τυγχάνουσιν οὔσαι MSS. It would be just possible to restore *τυγχάνουσιν | [ουσαι περι ων βου]*; but this would make l. 111 unusually long, and the lacuna at the beginning of l. 112 suits 11 or 12 letters better than 14. *οὔσαι* is quite unnecessary.

114. *διελωμεθα*: so H. with CFMP and the deteriores; *διαλυσόμεθα* O.

115. *περι τουτων ενδεχεται*: so H. with CDFMOP; *ἐνδέχεται περὶ τούτων* the rest of the deteriores.

116. *τοis λογοis χρησθαι: χρήσασθαι* H. with CF (first hand) MP; *λόγῳ χρήσασθαι* F (second hand) O and the deteriores. Π's reading is the best; cf. l. 279.

117. *τριτῶς*: so H. from a conjecture of Bekker; *περιτῶς* (*περιττοῖς* C) MSS.

[α]ναγκαιον λεγειν: so H. with CFMP and the deteriores; *λέγειν ἀναγκαιον* O.

118-9. *αναγκ[α]ιον τα καθεστῶτα δ[ια]φυλαττειν*: *τὰ καθεστῶτα διαφυλακτέον* MSS., except O which adds *ιερά* after *διαφ*. The repetition of *αναγκαιον* which has occurred in the previous line is inelegant, and *διαφυλακτέον* is preferable, though this sentence has become corrupt in the MSS.; cf. the next note.

121. *μεταστατεον: πως* MSS. (except *ὄντως* V, *ὄντος* D), a reading which makes no sense and is justly bracketed by H. following Spengel. The insertion of *μεταστατέον* is a great improvement. With the MSS. reading a verb like *μεταστατέον* had to be supplied out of its opposite *διαφυλακτέον*, making a very harsh construction. Spengel (p. 121) had proposed the insertion of *δεῖ μεθιστάναι*.

125-6. After *δικαίον* the MSS. have *λέγοντες τὰ πάτρια ἔθη παρὰ πᾶσι παραβαίνειν ἄδικον ἐστι καί*, thus having 48 letters corresponding to what should occupy (allowing 28 letters for a line) not more than 46 letters in Π, and clearly placing *τα πατρια εθη* earlier in the sentence than Π. *παρὰ πᾶσι*, which is constructed with *ἄδικον*, is awkwardly situated in the MSS. reading between *ἔθη* and *παραβαίνειν*, and the simplest restoration of ll. 125-6 is to keep all the words found in the MSS. and transpose *τὰ πάτρια ἔθη* and *παρὰ πᾶσι*. This results, however, in giving 30 letters to l. 125, which is unlikely; and since out of the three illustrations the MSS. introduce the second and third by *ὅτι . . . ὅτι* (v. l. *διότι . . . ὅτι*),

omitting *ἔτι* before the first, while Π has *διοτι* (apparently) in the second case but omits it before the third, we suggest that Π had *διοτι* in place of *λέγοντες* to introduce the first. The editio Basil. of 1539, based on an unknown MS., inserted *ἔτι* after *λέγοντες*. If *παρα πασι* is not placed before *τα πατρια εθη* then (*δι*)*οτι* (*λέγοντες* is much too long) *παραβαινειν τα πατρια* [*εθη παρα πασιν αδικον εστι*] is preferable to *διοτι αδικον εστι τα πατρια* [*εθη παρα πασι παραβαινειν*]. Blass prefers to restore l. 125 *τον [δικαιον λεγοντες διοτι τα πα]*, omitting *παρά* *πάσι* on the ground that *παρά πῶσιν ἄδικόν ἐστι* is not satisfactory in the sense of *παρά πᾶσιν ἄδικον νομίζεται*.

127. *ἴωτι*: the traces of the letter after κ suit δ and are irreconcilable with σ or τ . *διότι* C and the deteriores; *ἔτι* H. with FMOP.

130. *και τῶν: και ἔτι τῶν* MSS. Cf. note on ll. 125-6.

137. *οι μὲν* *νομοι το πληθος: οι νόμοι τὸ μὲν πληθος* MSS., which is the better reading.

138. *[αποτρεφουσι: ἀποτρέψωσι (ἀποστρέψωσι OV)* MSS., but cf. l. 141 *εμπο]ησουσιν* where they have *ἐμποιήσωσι*.

140-1. *δαπαναν [φιλοτιμιαν εμπο]ησουσιν: ἐκουσίαν ἄπασαν φιλοτιμίαν ἐμποιήσωσι* MSS. Π probably represents the true reading, *ἄπασαν* being a corruption of *δαπαναν* and *ἐκουσίαν* a gloss.

142. *τις π[αρασκευασειν: κατασκευάσειεν* MSS.; *κατασκευάσαιεν* (sc. *οἱ νόμοι*) H., adopting a conjecture of Spengel. In the reading of the MSS. *κατασκευάσειεν* had no subject to refer to; but their error is now shown to have consisted not in the use of the singular but in the omission of the subject, which is probably *τις*, since there is room for 3 or 4 letters between *αν* and *π[αρασκευασειν*.

145. *απο τῶν νομων*: so H. with CFOP and the deteriores; om. M.

146. *γενομένων: πενομένων* MSS. The reading of Π is probably a mere error; cf. note on ll. 148-9.

147. *ἐργαζομενους*: so H. with CFO and the deteriores; *ἐργαζομένων* MP.

148-9. *[τε] και τους [ναυτικο]υς μαλλον [των] αγ[οραι]ω[ν] προτι]μαν: και ναυκληρουντας τῶν ἀγοραίων μάλλον προτιμῶεν* MSS. The letter before *s* in l. 148 was certainly not *a* and the vestiges suit *v*. It is clear that Π varied considerably from the MSS. in this sentence, and the difficulty of restoring ll. 147-9 is increased by the fact that there is an error in l. 146 and probably another in l. 149. The reading of the MSS. is thus translated by Bekker *sicque et agricolae pauperibus et navium gubernatores vectoribus anteponant*, which is correct but yields no satisfactory sense; for how would the poor be prevented from plotting against the rich by the laws favouring cultivators at the expense of the poor and shipowners at the expense of merchants? A meaning more relevant to the context is that suggested by St. Hilaire, 'dans les rangs des pauvres ceux qui cultivent la terre ou qui montent les navires soient entourés de plus d'estime que les marchands de la place publique.' This construction of *τῶν πενομένων* as dependent on *τοὺς ἐργαζομένους* is in any case preferable to Bekker's view that it depends on *μάλλον*, but 'qui montent les navires' is an impossible translation of *ναυκληρουντας*—which apparently no one has proposed to emend to *ναὺς πληρουντας*. Π did not have *ναυκληρουντας*, and though *[ναυκληρο]υς* would fit the lacuna, *[ναυτικο]υς*, suggested by Blass, is much more likely. The earlier parts of ll. 146-9 are on a separate fragment, the position of which is fairly certain since there is no other place among the extant columns to which it can be assigned. There remains the difficulty of the infinitive *προτι]μαν* in l. 149. There is no room to insert in ll. 148-9 a verb in the optative which would govern it, and the choice seems to lie between supplying a verb or, better, altering *προτι]μαν* to *προτιμωιεν* (sc. *οἱ νόμοι*) or *προτιμωι* (sc. *τις* or whatever was the subject of *π[αρασκευασειν* in l. 142). The frequency of infinitives after *δεῖ* and *χρὴ* throughout this chapter may account for the error.

149-51. *οιτω γαρ . . . λειτουργησουσιν: ὅπως . . . λειτουργήσωσι* MSS.

152-3. *ἐπιθυμῃσει: ἐπιθυμήσῃ* MSS.; cf. the previous note.

153.]ν: δέϊ δὲ πρὸς τοῖτοῖς MSS. Perhaps δέϊ τοῖνυ]ν should be restored, but the construction of ll. 153-9 is not clear. ισχ[υρους κείσθαι νομοῦς in l. 156 may depend on χρη in l. 159 (cf. note *ad loc.*).

154. ἀνάδαστ]ον ποιεῖν: ποιεῖν ἀνάδαστον MSS.

155-6. τῶν [15 letters σ]αντων: τῶν τελευτώντων MSS., which will not do. Usener had suggested τῶν ἰδιωτῶν, Wilamowitz τῶν πλουτούντων; and Π now shows that some word has dropped out in the MSS., and an aorist, not a present, participle is the correct reading. [ἰδιωτῶν τελευτησ]αντων is possible, but τελευτώντων may come from the next clause (cf. l. 160, note). Blass proposes τῶν [τὴν πόλιν μὴ ἀδικησ]αντων.

159. χρη καὶ: χρη δέ MSS. Π thus makes ἐπικείσθαι in l. 158 and perhaps κείσθαι in l. 157 (cf. l. 153, note) depend on χρη, as well as the two verbs that follow, ἀφωρισθαι and δίδοναι, whereas in the MSS. the words preceding χρη depend on δέϊ at the beginning of the sentence, and χρη is connected only with what follows. The position given to χρη in Π is not very satisfactory, but without knowing what stood in the lacuna in l. 153 it is impossible to say whether the omission of δέϊ is intentional or a slip.

160. τῶι: om. MSS. τῶι may be right; cf. e.g. 14. 34 and the passage of Aeschines quoted *ad loc.*

τελευτήσασι: τελευτῶσιν MSS.; cf. note on l. 156.

ταφην: εἰς ταφὴν MSS. The scribe has placed before τροφήν in l. 163 the εἰς which ought to have come before ταφην here.

161. δημοσίον χωρίον: τι χωρίον δημόσιον MSS.

162. ἀφωρισθαι: so H. with Ald.; ἀφωρισμένον MSS. (Hammer's apparatus assigns ἀφωρίσθαι to α, his sign for the family CFMOP, but cf. Spengel's notes *ad loc.* 'ἀφωρισμένον] adde εἶναι, editi ex Veneta ἀφωρίσθαι,' and 'ἀφωρισμένον] sic libri omnes').

καίτοι πασιν: a corruption of καὶ τοῖς παισίν (MSS.).

αὐτων: so H. with CFM and the deteriores; om. OP.

163. εὖς ἡβησῶσι εἰς τροφήν δίδοναι: εὖς ἡβης δημοσίαν τροφήν δίδοσθαι MSS. Π is corrupt, the scribe having inserted before τροφήν the εἰς which ought to have come before ταφην in l. 160 (cf. note *ad loc.*). But εὖς ἡβησῶσι may be right, for εὖς with the genitive is a late use, while εὖς with the subjunctive without αὖν is parallel to the similar construction occasionally found with πρὶν and μέχρι in Attic prose; and though -ῶσι may have its origin in the omitted δημοσίαν, the insertion of that word is not necessary, especially as δημοσίον χωρίον occurs in l. 161.

164. ταῖς δημοκρατίαις: τῇ δημοκρατίᾳ MSS.; cf. l. 174, note. Π's reading is the better; cf. ἐν μὲν ταῖς δημοκρατίαις in p. 23. 10 (= l. 187).

165. τοιαύτην δεῖ τὴν θέσιν ποιεῖσθαι: τὴν θέσιν τοιαύτην δεῖ ποιεῖσθαι MSS. The order in Π is preferable.

168. κατανεμειν: ἀπονέμειν MSS. EG omit πᾶσι.

τῆς: so H. with CFMO and most of the deteriores; om. P; τήν followed by πολιτείαν DV.

170. τὰς πλείστας: τὰς μὲν πλείστας MSS., which is preferable.

171. κρυφαῖαι: κρυπτῇ MSS.

172. μεθ: so H. with CFMP and the deteriores; καὶ μεθ O.

173. καὶ: om. MSS.

174. ταῖς ὀλιγαρχίαις: τῇ ὀλιγαρχίᾳ MSS.; cf. note on l. 164.

175. ὑβρίζουσιν: ὑβρίζων MSS. Π's reading is a blunder.

178. στερομένοι: so H. with CFGMOP; στερούμενον the rest of the deteriores.

179. χρη δε]: χρη δὲ καὶ MSS., but a supplement of 18 letters is rather long for the lacuna, not more than 15 being lost in the corresponding space in this column, so that καὶ, which Π inserts in l. 173 where the MSS. omit it, was probably omitted here.

181-2. διαλυ[ειν] και μη [σ]υναγ[ειν] : διαλύειν καὶ μὴ χρονίζεσθαι .μηδὲ συνάγειν MSS. Π probably substituted a phrase meaning 'without delay' for the second infinitive.

183. τον οχλ[ον] εις τ[η]ν πολιν : ἐπὶ τὴν πόλιν τὸν ὄχλον MSS.

186. κ[αθ]ολο[υ] δε ειπειν δει : καθόλου δὲ εἰπεῖν δεῖ τοὺς νόμους MSS. There is not room for both ειπειν and τους νομους in l. 186, but Π may equally well have omitted ειπειν and kept τους νομους.

191. της πολι[τειας] : so H. with CFO and the deteriores ; πολιτας MP.

194. ουν : so H. with CFMP and the deteriores ; om. O.

197. συν[αγορευοντα] μεν νομοι : τὸν συναγορεύειν ἐθέλοντα νόμοι MSS. For our restoration cf. the antithesis ἀντιλέγοντα δὲ σκοπεῖν (p. 23. 22), where δέ has been corrupted in most MSS. to δεῖ. [αγορευοντα νομοι] by itself is too short for the lacuna, and the insertion of μεν is an improvement. The omission of τὸν in Π may be an error, but τὸν is not necessary.

198. δεικνυ[αι] : δεικνύειν MSS.

201. απερ [αν υ]παρχη : ἄπερ ἂν ὑπάρχη ταῦτα H. with CF and the deteriores ; ἄπερ ὑπάρχει ταῦτα MOP ; but απερ [υ]παρχει is also possible, though for ταῦτα in any case there is no room. If Π had read υπαρ[χει] we should have to suppose a lacuna of 10 letters instead of 13 before the first υ of l. 202, and hence diminish by 3 the size of the initial lacuna throughout. This would cause no trouble in ll. 200-1, where κατοικουν[τας] would suit equally well, but would lead to difficulties in l. 205, where the lacuna could not be restored without cutting down the text of the MSS. (cf. note *ad loc.*) : Line 206 is hard to reconcile with the ordinary reading, even with the longer lacuna ; with the shorter some alteration would be imperative. The only serious objection to the view of the size of the initial lacunae in this column upon which we have based our restorations occurs in l. 204, where 18 letters would be expected instead of 14 before the μ of πρωτο[μ]. The supplement [ενδεχεται πρωτο], however, contains several broad letters, and it is not, we think, necessary to insert anything.

204-5. ουκ αναγκη : so FMOP and the deteriores ; οὐκ ἀναγκαῖον H. with C, and there would be room for αναγκαιον in the lacuna, but cf. l. 204. If the lacuna were supposed to be smaller (cf. note on l. 201), χρη or δεον would have to be substituted for κ αναγκη.

206. The MSS. reading (20 letters) is rather long for the lacuna, for which 17 letters are sufficient, and the line as restored contains 32 letters, which is a quite exceptional length, though in any case l. 206 projects considerably into the right-hand margin. Perhaps ειθ should be read in place of επειθ. With a smaller lacuna at the beginning [επειθ ως ου τυγχ]ανουσιν ον[τες] δικαιοι would be necessary ; cf. note on l. 201.

207-8. ποιησα[ντες] : πεποιηκότες MSS., which proceed εἰ δὲ μὴ κ.τ.λ. There is no clue to what the lacuna of 14 letters in Π contained.

210. α[δυνατοι] οντες : οὐχ ὑπάρχοντες δυνατοί MSS. Cf. l. 65, note.

212.]εσιν : after μὲν οὖν the MSS. have ταῖς ἀντιλογίαις καὶ ταῖς συνηγορίαις, for which Π substituted something much shorter (22 letters instead of 33), the second substantive (if there were two) being a word ending in -σις.

213. ταις : so MSS. The reading is very doubtful ; περ[ι] would suit the traces better, but would leave only 10 letters for the lacuna, which requires 14-16.

215-6. περι πολεμου [δ]ε και ε[ι]ρηνης : περὶ εἰρήνης δὲ πάλιν καὶ πολέμου MSS. The order in Π is supported by that in ll. 109-10.

217. εγλαβωμεν has been corrected from εγβαλωμεν by writing λ above the β, which is crossed out, and β through the λ.

218. πολεμον : so H. with CFMP and the deteriores ; πολέμου by a slip O.

219. αιδε : αὔται δεῖ δέ CFMOP ; αὔται δεῖ H. with the deteriores. αἰδε is better than

αῖται, and δει is quite unnecessary; Π probably preserves the original reading, of which those of the MSS. are corruptions.

220-1. *καιρου παραπεπ[ω]κotos*: *καιρῶν παραπεπτωκότων* MSS. The singular is better.

222. The MSS. vary between *ἀδικουμένους* (the deteriores) and *ἀδικηθέντας* (CFMOP), but whichever tense be adopted the supplement is rather long, being 21 or 22 letters instead of 18 or 19 as would be expected; perhaps *νυν* was omitted.

223. *αυτων*: *αὐτῶν* FMOP; *αὐτῶν* C; *ἐαυτῶν* H. with the deteriores. It is highly improbable that Π had *ἐ*||*αυτων*, which would make an unlikely division at the end of a line of more than average length (cf. the preceding note).

229. *[συν]ακτεον*: the *ε* is corrected from *ο* (?). GV read *συντακτέον*, which is out of the question here.

μετα: so H. with CF and the deteriores; *κατά* MOP.

230. *[ως]*: om. MSS. Cf. note on l. 231.

[τωι] πολεμωι: so H. with ABCEF (first hand) MOP; *τοῦ πολέμου* F (second hand) and DV.

231. *τούτων οτι πλείστα*: *ὅτι πλείστα τούτων* AB; *ὅτι τὰ πλείστα τούτων* H. with the other MSS., thus making *ὅτι* dependent on *δεικτέον*, while Π clearly connects it with *πλείστα, οτι πλείστα* being parallel to *οτι πλείστας* in l. 228. A conjunction is then required, and accordingly we have inserted *ως* in l. 230. Of the two rival readings either might easily be corrupted into the other, but that of Π makes the sense clearer, and seems preferable.

232. *εστι υπ[α]ρχοντα*: *ὑπάρχοντά ἐστι* MSS. The reading of Π is no improvement, especially as *εστι* has no *ν ἐφέλκυστικόν*, but the vestiges, though slight, do not suggest any alternative to *υπ[α]ρχοντα*.

233. *πολ[εμου]τες*: om. MSS., probably through an error.

234-5. *ευ[τυχιαν] ημει[ς]* *κ[α]λ[ο]υ[με]ν*: *εὐτυχίαν προσαγορεύομεν* H. with most of the deteriores; *εὐψυχίαν προσαγορεύομεν* CDFMOP.

237. *στρατη]γου*: so H. with CFMO and the deteriores; *στρατοῦ* P.

239. *τοπων* *ευφυ[ιαν]*: *τόπων εὐφύιαν* H. with CFOP and the deteriores; *τόπων εὐποίαν* M. The lacuna may have contained an adjective for *τόπων* or a substantive coupled by *ἢ* or *καί* to *εὐφύιαν*.

241. *τούτοις ομοιοτροπων*: *τοιούτων* MSS. DV add *ὁμοιοτρόπως*, apparently intending *τούτοις ὁμοιοτρόπων*, which was probably Π's reading; cf. l. 214.

243. The scanty remains of Col. xv are so much obliterated that only a few letters can be deciphered with certainty, and the restorations are very doubtful in many cases. It is clear that between ll. 245 and 252 Π varied extensively from the MSS. in being considerably shorter. Very likely there were some omissions due to homoioteleuton, for the passage is a particularly confusing one for a scribe. In l. 243 *ο* is the only certain letter, but the vestiges of the two preceding letters suit *πρ*. *βρα]χυτερο[υ]ς* is inadmissible; and *προς* seems to be the word meant, though if the next word was intended to be *βραχυτερους* either *προσραχ* or *προβραχ* must have been written, for the space between *ο* and the supposed *ρ* is barely sufficient for even one narrow letter. *προ βραχυτερων* is not satisfactory, and since the reading *ραχ* is extremely doubtful Π may have had something quite new here.

244. *κα[ι]*: so H. with A (second hand) BFG; om. other MSS.

245. The MSS. have *ὃδε πάντως* (*πάντας* DV) *αὔξειν εἰ κέκριται*, with which the reading of Π cannot be reconciled. The vestiges of this line will not suit any part of *εικεκρ*, and there is not room for 22 letters in the lacuna, which, taking the tolerably certain supplements of ll. 254-6 as the standard and allowing for the slope of the column to the left, should contain 16 or 17 letters. The omission of *πάντως*, which is not necessary, leaves 16 letters.

246-50. The MSS. have *ἀγαθὸν τοῦτο τούτῳ τι ἐναντίον ἐὰν λέγῃς μέγα κακὸν φανέται*.

ώσαύτως δὲ εἰ νομίζεται μέγα κακὸν ἐὰν τούτῳ ἐναντίον λέγῃς μέγα ἀγαθὸν φανέται. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ὧδε μεγάλα ποιῶν τὰ ἀγαθὰ ἢ τὰ κακὰ ἐὰν ἀποφαίνῃς αὐτὸν ἐκ διανοίας κ.τ.λ., 178 letters where Π, allowing even 28 letters for a line, has but 140. Probably there were some omissions owing to homoioteleuton, as in P, which omits μέγα κακὸν φανέται . . . ἐναντίον λέγῃς. με[γα, which is fairly certain in l. 246, comes too soon. The vestiges preceding it are reconcilable with λεγ[η]ς, but do not suggest σ. The ν in l. 247 perhaps belongs to νομίζεται, and that in l. 248 to ἐναντίον, but the traces of other letters lend no assistance.

250.]α: working back from ζων in l. 251, the MSS. reading ἐὰν ἀποφαίνῃς αὐτὸν ἐκ διανοίας συμβιβάζων does not produce an α at the right place. Perhaps ἐὰν ἀποφαίνῃς αὐτόν was omitted and the α belongs to ἀγαθὰ or κακὰ, or we might change the order and restore ἐκ δι[α]νοίας αὐτοῦ. But the MSS. reading is very unsatisfactory (Usener proposes αἴτιον for αὐτόν), and]α may represent a participle such as πραξάντ]α, the insertion of which would be a great improvement.

252. The supplement (22 letters) is a little long, when judged by the standard of ll. 254 and 256, which have 19 in the corresponding space; but cf. l. 253 and l. 255, which apparently has 21.

πολλων: πολλά πράττειν MSS.

253. The supplement (23 letters) is again rather long, and not more than 19 would be expected; cf. l. 252, note.

254. προτερος: so ABEG; πρότερον H. with CDFMOPV.

257-8. The supplements of these lines are rather short. Possibly Π inserted ἐπραξεν again after ἐπὶ τούτοις.

259. . . . ποι[ο]μεν: τούτῳ ἴσως ποιούμεν MSS., which is too long if]μεν is correctly read. Those letters, however, are very uncertain, and ποι is possible, in which case τούτῳ ἴσως could be retained in l. 259. But difficulties would then arise in the restoration of l. 260, which seems to end in εν, the vestiges being inconsistent with πρ[α]τ, φ[α]ν, or φανλ]ως. On the whole, therefore, it seems preferable to suppose that Π had some variant (om. τούτῳ ?) for τούτῳ ἴσως.

260-1. πραττο[ι]μεν [φανλ]ως: φαύλως πράττομεν MSS., which cannot be reconciled with Π; cf. the preceding note. If our restoration of l. 261 is correct, there must have been a blank space before χρη.

264. The supplement is rather long; perhaps δε was omitted. But the supposed ν in l. 263 is very doubtful, and if there was an omission in Π it may have occurred in ll. 262 or 263, where ως is really superfluous.

265. εοικος: τούτων εἰκός MSS. εοικος must be wrong.

γονε[ι]ς τιμ[α]ν ου: αὐτοῦ γονεῖς τιμᾶν MSS. (except P, which has αὐτοῦς by mistake). ου, which makes no sense, may be a survival of αὐτοῦ, but is more likely to have been caused by the occurrence of τιμαὶ οὗτος immediately afterwards.

266. ο[σ]τις: so H. with F (and OP ?); δς CM (so Spengel; from H. it would be inferred that they read δστις) and the deteriores.

γ[ο]νεῖς: γονέας MSS., though reading γονεῖς in l. 265.

267. β[ο]υλή[σ]ται εἴν ποι[ε]ιν: εὖ ποιῶν βουλήσεται MSS.

269. μεν: om. MSS., rightly. Whether Π had ε at the end of the line is very doubtful.

271-6. Π here differs considerably from the MSS., which have σκοπεῖν δὲ καὶ τὸ πρᾶγμα ὁποῖον φανέται κατὰ μέρος διαιρούμενον καὶ (ἢ the deteriores) καθόλου λεγόμενον καὶ ὁποτέρως (ὁπότερον FO) ἂν μέζον ἢ τόνδε τὸν τρόπον αὐτὸ λέγειν. Π's version is superior in several respects; ὁπότερον . . . ἢ . . . brings out the contrast between κατὰ μέρος and καθόλου better than ὁποῖον . . . καὶ . . ., and τούτων is much preferable to τόνδε.]μεν in l. 271 is probably the termination of a verb in the future or subjunctive governing σκοπεῖν, and the insertion of this and of δει in l. 276 is an advantage, the infinitives σκοπεῖν and λέγειν in the MSS. reading

being dependent on *χρή* supplied from *χρή δὲ καὶ εἰκάζοντα*, although a different sentence *συλλήβδην* . . . *φανείται* has intervened.

276. *αὐξήσεις*: so H. with MSS., except M which has *αὐξήσαις*.

277. *πλείστας καὶ μεγίστας ποιήσεις*: *πλείστας ποιήσεις καὶ μεγίστας* MSS.

279. *τοῖς λόγοις*: so H. with BCFMOPV; *τὸν λόγον* ADEG. Cf. l. 116, note.

280. *κα* is a mistake for *κακα*. G and E (first hand) invert *ἀγαθά* and *κακά*. D omits *μετιῶν*.

281. *εὐρησεις καμ μὲν*: *ὡς εἰρήκαμεν* MSS., which insert *ἄν* after *μὲν* in l. 282, and in place of *ἐπιδεικνυῖν* in l. 283 have *ἐπιδεικνύναι* (C), *ἐπιδεικνύεις* (EO) or *ἐπιδεικνύης* (the rest; so H.). *εὐρησεις*, which makes *ταπεινώσεις* a substantive instead of a verb, as it is on the MSS. reading, may in itself be right; but *καμ μὲν* . . . *ἐπιδεικνυῖν* must be wrong, and *εὐρησεις* looks somewhat like a corruption of *ὡς εἰρη*, due to a misunderstanding of *ταπεινώσεις*. Whether *εὐρησεις* be retained or not, *καμ μὲν* must be altered to *ὡς* (or *ὡι*) *εἰρηκαμεν* and *ἐπιδεικνυῖν* corrected, either by reading *ἄν* . . . *ἐπιδεικνυῖς* with the majority of the MSS., or by the simpler substitution of the participle *ἐπιδεικνύων*.

284. *μικροτάτων*: *σμικροτάτων* MSS.

287. *εκφερωμεν*: *ἐθέλωμεν* MSS.; *εκφερωμεν*, 'bring forward,' is more pointed.

288. *χρη[σ]μαι*: *χρήσιμοι* MSS.

[*δε*] *των αὐξήσεων εἰσιν α[ι]α[φ]ορμαί*: *δὲ αἱ τῶν αὐξήσεων ἀφορμαὶ εἰσι* MSS., and it is possible to read [*δ αἱ*] *των αὐξήσεων εἰσιν α[φ]ορ[ρ]μαι*, though the other restoration seems more probable.

290-1. *δυναμις ἐν τοῖς ἐγκωμίοις καὶ τοῖς ψόγοις ἐστὶν αὐταῖς*: *δύναμις αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἐν τοῖς ἐγκωμίοις καὶ ἐν τοῖς ψόγοις* MSS.

292. *οὖν*: so H. with most MSS.; om. C (B, not C Spengel).

293. *διελθωμεν*: so H. adopting a conjecture of Spengel. *διέλωμεν* MSS.

294. *τούτοις ὁμο(ι)τ[ρ]όπως*: *ὁμοιοτρόπως τούτοις* MSS.

295. *κατηγορικόν*: so H. with most MSS.; *κατηγορητικόν* GM. Cf. l. 297.

ἀπολ[ογικο]ν: *τὸ ἀπολογητικόν* H. with MSS., except O which omits *τό*. Cf. l. 300.

296. After *εἶδος* the MSS. have *ὁ περὶ τὴν δικανικὴν ἐστὶ πραγματεῖαν αὐτά τε*, which is omitted by Π. The words are probably an interpolation; cf. p. 116.

συνεστήτην: l. *συνέστηκεν*. G has *συνέστησε*, and E has *κε* in an erasure.

αὐτοῖς δεῖ: *δεῖ αὐτοῖς* MSS.

297. *κατηγορικόν*: so H. with most MSS.; *κατηγορητικόν* M. Cf. l. 295.

299. *ἐξηγησις*: *ἐξάγγελσις* MSS. *ἐξήγησις* is the more natural word.

300. *ἀπολογικόν*: *ἀπολογητικόν* MSS. Cf. l. 295.

ἀδικημάτων καὶ αμαρτημάτων: *ἀμαρτημάτων καὶ ἀδικημάτων* MSS.

302. *υποπτευθεντων*: *καθυποπτευθέντων* MSS., probably by an erroneous repetition of the initial syllable of *κατηγορηθέντων*.

303. *ἐκατέρων*: *ἐκατέρου* MSS.

304-5. *ταυτας*: so CFMOP. *τὰς αὐτάς* H. with the deteriores.

εχ[ο]ντες: *ἐχόντων* the deteriores and Ald.; *ἐχοντος* H. with CFMOP. *εχοντων* is required in Π if *ἐκατέρων* is anything more than a mistake for *ἐκατέρου*, and above the second ε of *εχ[ο]ντες* (which must in any case be wrong) is some ink which may represent ω. But of the 2 or 3 letters after *εχοντες* that project into the margin beyond any other line in this column of which the end is preserved, the first is certainly not ν, and they are probably to be connected with the following words.

τον κα[τηγορου]ντα τ[ο]ν . . . κατηγοροῦντα μὲν MSS., except C which has *κατηγορῶ μὲν*. The restoration of Π is very uncertain. The insertion of *τον* is rather an improvement, but the reading is quite doubtful, and though *κατηγοροῦντα* seems necessary, the vestiges at the beginning of l. 305 do not suit *κα* very well. The lacuna after *κα* is large

enough for 11 or even 12 letters, but hardly for [τηγορουντα μεν]. τ[ο]υτ[ο] μ[ε]ν might be read, but is not satisfactory; for τ[ο]υτ[ο] λε[γ]ειν there is not room. In place of the second doubtful τ, π or γ can equally well be read.

306. μεν: so H. with CFMO and the deteriores; δέ P.

307. The vestiges of the first letter would suit π equally well (i.e. παρατηρειν), but a line of 20 letters would be unusually short.

308. The π of ποιοις seems to have been corrected.

κατη]γορηματων: ἀδικημάτων MSS.

309. οι [νομοι: so H. with most MSS.; om. M.

311. ημαρτ]ημενων: ἀδικημάτων MSS., probably an erroneous repetition. Cf. the contrast of ἀδικηματων and αμαρτηματων in ll. 298-301.

313. ο νομος δ[ι]ωρ[ικως] η: ἡ νόμος διωρικώς MSS. Π's reading is better; Spengel had already suggested the insertion of the article before νόμος.

314. κατηγο]ρ[ο]ν: ο does not fill the space between ρ and ν, which would accommodate two letters, but it is difficult to see what these could have been, unless indeed the scribe wrote κατηγορουν(θ).

315. οπως: so H. with CF (first hand) MP; οπως αν F (second hand) O and the deteriores.

316-8. Π here preserves a much better text than the MSS., which have οταν (δτε H. with C) δε οι δικασται το κατηγορούμενον ισασι (ειδωσι A (second hand) EG) αυξητεον εστι τα αδικήματα και μάλιστα μεν δεικτεον ως εκων κ.τ.λ. For the unsatisfactory ισασι or ειδωσι Spengel had acutely conjectured τιμωσι, the verb found in Π, and divined that το κατηγορούμενον was wrong. Π inserts, no doubt rightly, a clause contrasting the preliminary proof of the facts with the subsequent magnifying of the crime. After κατ[ηγορουμενα] it probably continued επετα αυξητεον κ.τ.λ. For ανακη in l. 317 cf. l. 103, note; δει makes the line hardly long enough.

III. CALENDAR

27. CALENDAR FOR THE SAITE NOME.

Mummies 68 and 69. Height 16.8 cm. B.C. 301-240. PLATE VIII (Cols. iii and iv).

On the recto of this long papyrus, which is in 16 fragments, is a calendar for a year, preceded by an introductory treatise in which the writer explained for a pupil's instruction the source of his information, and gave a general sketch of his astronomical system. Of the calendar the larger portion is preserved, but the remains of the introduction probably represent only a small portion of it. Two hands, both a large clear semi-uncial, are found in the main text, the first being responsible for Cols. i-iii, the second for the rest. A few corrections in Col. iv sqq. are due to a third hand or, perhaps, to the writer of Cols. i-iii. On the verso of Fr. (a) is some demotic writing, on that of Fr. (d) a brief account, and

on that of Fr. (*m*) part of a list of names, while on the verso of Fr. (*c*) is another short list of names headed (ἔτους) ἡ Μεσορρή. The king in question is presumably Euergetes, to the early part of whose reign we assign 34 and 73, from the same mummies as 27; and we regard B.C. 240 as the latest possible date for the writing on the recto. This, however, is probably a few decades older, and may even be as ancient as B.C. 301-298, the period to which the calendar apparently refers (*v. inf.*). At the conclusion of that period the dates of the recorded phenomena would cease to apply, and it is not easy to account for a copy of the calendar being made after the information contained in it had become antiquated and useless. The handwriting, though presenting no special signs of exceptional antiquity, is not inconsistent with the view that the calendar was written at the very beginning of the third century B.C., and the Hibeh collection has provided one document written in the 5th year of Ptolemy Soter I (84 *a*). Cols. i-iii each have 18 lines and very narrow margins between the columns, while Cols. iv-xiv range from 13 to 15 lines in each and the margins are sometimes narrow, sometimes (as between Cols. vi and vii) as much as 7.5 cm. in breadth.

Fr. (*a*), containing Cols. i-iii, appears to come from a point near the actual commencement of the text, and it is possible that $\epsilon\upsilon$ in l. 1 is the termination of $\chi\alpha\rho\epsilon\upsilon$, and belongs to the opening sentence of the introduction, which is in any case couched in an epistolary form. Nothing further is to be gleaned from the scanty remains of Col. i; in Cols. ii and iii the compiler, who was in the Saite nome (l. 21; cf. note), explains that he had been receiving instruction on astronomy from a certain wise man (ll. 19-33), and announces his intention of summarizing the teaching for his pupil's benefit (ll. 34-41). Accordingly in l. 41 he begins with a description of the different years in use in Egypt; this, so far as it goes (l. 54), corresponds closely to a passage in the account of the Εἰδωξου τέχνη which was written by one of that astronomer's followers, and is preserved in P. Par. 1; cf. p. 143, and ll. 41-54, note. To the interval, extending probably to at least 6 or 7 columns, between Frs. (*a*) and (*b*) may be assigned the small Frs. (*n*)-(*q*), which do not belong to the calendar portion of the papyrus, and are not likely to have followed Col. xiv, since that column may well be the last of the whole text. The subject of Frs. (*n*) and (*o*), which seem to be connected, though the relative position assigned to them in our text is not certain, is the seasons; that of Fr. (*q*) the length of the year.

Turning to the calendar, the year under discussion is an ordinary Egyptian *annus vagus* of 365 days beginning with Thoth 1. The account of the first three months is missing; but Frs. (*b*)-(*m*), containing Cols. iv-xiv, which are continuous, preserve with some lacunae the entries from Choiak 1 to the end

of the year, Col. xiv probably giving, as we have said, the conclusion of the papyrus. The details recorded under the various days are (1) the changes of the seasons indicated by the equinoxes and solstices; (2) the passing of the sun at its rising from one of the 12 great constellations to another; (3) the risings and settings of certain stars or constellations; (4) prognostications concerning the weather, such as are commonly found in ancient calendars; (5) stages in the rising of the Nile (ll. 126, 168, and 174); (6) certain festivals, which in two instances (ll. 76 and 165) took place at Sais; (7) the length of the night and day.

For the following remarks on the place of observation and date of the calendar, and its connexion with Eudoxus, to which we have already alluded, we are indebted to Prof. J. G. Smyly, who has greatly assisted us in the elucidation of this text.

'Place of observation. The length of the longest day is given by the papyrus (l. 115) as 14 hours, and that of the shortest night as 10 hours; if then we take the inclination of the ecliptic to have been 24° and l denote the latitude, we can determine l from the equation $\cos 75^\circ = \tan 24^\circ \tan l$, from which we obtain $l = 30^\circ 10'$: cf. Ptolemy, *Syn. Math.* ii. (ed. Heiberg, p. 108) ἐνατός ἐστι παράλληλος καθ' ὃν ἂν γένοιτο ἡ μέγιστη ἡμέρα ὥρων ἰσημερινῶν ἰδ'. ἀπέχει δ' οὗτος τοῦ ἰσημερινοῦ μοίρας λ' $\kappa\beta'$ και γράφεται διὰ τῆς κάτω χώρας τῆς Αἰγύπτου. This agrees very well with the statement of the papyrus (l. 21; cf. ll. 76 and 165) that the calendar was drawn up in the Saite nome, probably at Sais itself.

'Date. Since the calendar is constructed according to the vague year of the Egyptians, it would have been possible to determine its date within four years from the dates assigned to the equinoxes and solstices, had these been correctly given. In the following table the Julian dates for the early part of the third century B.C. are taken from Unger (I. Müller's *Handb.* I², p. 823):—

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Spring equinox | 20 Tubi (l. 62) | 25 March. |
| Summer solstice | 24 Pharmouthi (l. 120) | 27 June. |
| Autumn equinox | 23 Epeiph (l. 170) | 27 September. |

'The date of the calendar deduced from the equations Tubi 20 = March 25 and Pharmouthi 24 = June 27 would be B.C. 301-298; that given by the equation Epeiph 23 = September 27 is B.C. 313-310. These results do not agree (see below), and we cannot be certain of the accuracy of the observations; but we may safely deduce B.C. 300 as an approximate date.

'Connexion with Eudoxus. 1. The interval between the spring equinox and summer solstice is correctly given by the papyrus as 94 days, that between the summer solstice and autumn equinox as 89 days; the whole interval between the spring and autumn equinoxes is thus 183 days, which is about 3 days too

few. The writer of the papyrus evidently belonged to a school of astronomers who supposed that the equinoxes divided the year into approximately equal parts; cf. G. V. Schiaparelli, *Memorie del Real. Inst. Lomb.* xiii. p. 129, Nov., 1874. If we may trust P. Par. i. 525 sqq., the interval between the autumn equinox and the spring equinox according to Eudoxus was $92 + 91 = 183$ days, while according to Democritus it was $91 + 91 = 182$ days, thus leaving for the period of 183 days given by the papyrus 182 days according to Eudoxus, and 183 according to Democritus. So far this would point to Democritus rather than Eudoxus; but there are other striking resemblances to the theories of Eudoxus.

'2. According to the papyrus the spring equinox took place on Tubi 20 and the sun entered Taurus on Mecheir 6, so that the equinox took place when the sun was in the middle or at the 15th degree of Aries. Now according to Hipparchus the placing of the equinoxes and solstices at the middle of the signs was peculiar to Eudoxus; e.g. Hipp. i. 6. 4 ταύτης (τῆς Μικρᾶς Ἀρκτου) γὰρ ὁ ἔσχατος καὶ λαμπρότατος ἀστὴρ κεῖται κατὰ τὴν ἑ' μοῖραν τῶν Ἰχθύων, ὥς δὲ Εὐδόξος διαιρεῖ τὸν ζῳδιακὸν κύκλον, κατὰ τὴν γ' μοῖραν τοῦ Κριοῦ. Thus the 1st degree of Aries according to Eudoxus' division of the Zodiac coincided with the 15th degree of Pisces according to Hipparchus, and the equinox, which according to Hipparchus was at the 1st point of Aries, would according to Eudoxus occur at the 15th degree of Aries. Again Hipp. ii. 1. 15 says προδιειλήφθω δὲ πρῶτον ὅτι τὴν διαίρεσιν τοῦ ζῳδιακοῦ κύκλου ὁ μὲν Ἀρατος πεποιήται ἀπὸ τῶν τροπικῶν τε καὶ ἰσημερινῶν σημείων ἀρχόμενος ὥστε ταῦτα τὰ σημεία ἀρχὰς εἶναι ζῳδίων, ὁ δὲ Εὐδόξος οὕτω διήρηται, ὥστε τὰ εἰρημένα σημεία μέσα εἶναι, τὰ μὲν τοῦ Καρκίνου καὶ τοῦ Αἰγόκερω τὰ δὲ τοῦ Κριοῦ καὶ τῶν Χηλῶν; cf. ii. 1. 19 καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀρχαίων δὲ μαθηματικῶν πάντων σχεδὸν ἢ τῶν πλείστων τοῦτον τὸν τρόπον (i. e. as by Aratus) ὁ ζῳδιακὸς κύκλος διήρητο. ὅτι δὲ Εὐδόξος τὰ τροπικὰ σημεία κατὰ μέσα τὰ ζῳδία τίθησι δῆλον ποιεῖ διὰ τούτων κ.τ.λ. As is clear from these quotations, Hipparchus considered that Eudoxus stood almost alone among ancient astronomers in putting the equinoctial and solstitial points at the middle of the signs. It was for a long time supposed that Eudoxus had used an ancient globe, many centuries older than his own times, constructed at a period when the spring equinox was really in the middle of the dodecatemory called Aries by Hipparchus, and that Eudoxus himself never even looked at the sky. This absurd theory was controverted by Ideler in *Abhandl. der k. Ak. der Wiss. zu Berlin*, 1830, p. 58, who gives the true explanation that the dodecatemory called Aries by Eudoxus extended from the 15th degree of Pisces to the 15th degree of Aries according to Hipparchus. It may be remarked in this connexion that the correspondence of the signs κατὰ συζυγίαν described, but wholly misunderstood, by Geminus, *El. Astr.* ii. 27 sqq., depends upon placing the equinoctial points in the middle of the signs.

'If we measure 15° back from the position of the equinox at the time of Eudoxus we find that the first point of Aries according to him very nearly coincided with the star ζ Piscium. This coincidence is very remarkable, and should prove of considerable importance in the difficult question as to the origin of the signs of the Zodiac. E. Burgess and Prof. Whitney, *Sûrya-Siddhânta, Journal of American Oriental Society*, vi. p. 158, write:—"The initial point of the fixed Hindu sphere, from which longitudes are reckoned, and at which the planetary motions are held by all schools of Hindu astronomy to have commenced at the Creation, is the end of the asterism Revatî, or the beginning of Aṣvini. Its position is most clearly marked by that of the principal star of Revatî, which, according to the *Sûrya-Siddhânta*, is $10'$ to the west of it, but according to other authorities exactly coincides with it. That star is by all authorities identified with ζ Piscium, of which the longitude at present, as reckoned by us, from the vernal equinox, is $17^{\circ} 54'$. Making due allowance for the precession, we find that it coincided in position with the vernal equinox not far from the middle of the sixth century or about 570 A.D. As such coincidence was the occasion of the point being fixed upon as the beginning of the sphere, the time of its occurrence marks approximately the era of the fixation of the sphere, and of the commencement of the history of modern Hindu astronomy." Now the exact correspondence of the initial points of the spheres of Eudoxus and of the Hindu astronomers cannot be an accidental coincidence, and seems to invalidate the theory that the Hindu sphere was fixed by the position of the spring equinox. In these circumstances we are at liberty, or rather are compelled, to reject the deduction that "the point from which longitudes are reckoned, and at which the planetary motions are held by all schools of Hindu astronomy to have commenced at Creation" was first fixed at about 570 A.D. This is not the place to discuss the question as to the relation of Eudoxus to Indian astronomy, but my own belief is that the Indian sphere was fixed at a very early period and adopted from Indian astronomers by Eudoxus.

'The length of time occupied by the sun in passing through the constellations presents considerable difficulty; the details are as follows:—

| | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| l. 62. Aries, | Tubi 5—Mecheir 6, | 31 days. |
| l. 66. Taurus, | Mecheir 6—Phamenoth 4, | 28 days. |
| l. 88. Gemini, | Phamenoth 4—Pharmouthi 3, | 29 days. |
| l. 107. Cancer, | Pharmouthi 3—Pachon 6, | 33 days. |
| l. 129. Leo, | Pachon 6—Pauni 4, | 28 days. |
| l. 137. Virgo, | Pauni 4—Epeiph x, } | 58 days. |
| Libra, | Epeiph x—Mesore 2, } | |
| l. 181. Scorpio, | Mesore 2— ? | |

'The spring equinox is given as 15 days in Aries, the summer solstice as 21 days in Cancer, and the autumn equinox 10 days only before the sun enters Scorpio. If the signs of the papyrus are true dodecatemories, the dates of entering the different signs must be wrong; for the spring equinox being in the middle of the sign so also should the autumn equinox be.

'3. The stars or constellations whose risings and settings according to Eudoxus are given in the calendar assigned to Geminus (Lydus, *De Ostentis*, &c., ed. Wachsmuth, pp. 181 sqq.) are Aquila (Ἄετός), Capella (Ἀΐξ), Arcturus, Delphinus, Lyra, Pleiades, Scorpio, Sirius (Κύων), Corona Borealis (Στέφανος), Hyades and Orion; all of these, except Ἀΐξ (which can be restored with certainty in ll. 88 and 177), are mentioned in the papyrus, and the only star in it not contained in the list of Eudoxus is Προτρυνγητήρ (= ε Virginis), the statement about which (l. 130) is obviously erroneous.'

The agreement on this point between the papyrus and Geminus' references to Eudoxus is very striking. The intervals between the several entries (which in Geminus are measured by degrees, not, as in the papyrus, by days) are naturally different owing to the difference of latitude between Sais and the place in Asia Minor from which Eudoxus took his observations. But the order is the same in both, and there is only one clear instance in which the papyrus omits a reference to the rising or setting of a star that Geminus had inserted in his list from the calendar of Eudoxus (l. 107, note). Hence Geminus' list provides certain restorations for those lacunae in the papyrus which mentioned risings or settings, while conversely two corruptions in the text of Geminus can be restored from the papyrus; cf. notes on ll. 187 and 194.

The papyrus is therefore to be regarded as a composition for teaching purposes, written at Sais about B.C. 300 by a follower of Eudoxus' theory of astronomy, and is somewhat older than the analogous treatise based on Eudoxus in P. Par. 1. In the passage common to both texts (ll. 41-54) may be recognized a more or less direct quotation from Eudoxus himself, but the presentation and application of his system are much disfigured in both papyri by frequent blunders, especially in regard to figures. The inconsistent dates in connexion with the equinoxes and the passing of the sun through the constellations, and the erroneous mention of Προτρυνγητήρ have already been mentioned. Cols. ii and iii of the introduction are very carelessly written, though some of the slips have been corrected by the writer himself. Mistakes in figures occur in ll. 62, 73, 91, and several times in the fractions of hours. Words are left out in ll. 88 and 199; cf. ll. 78 and 87, where an omission by the first hand is supplied by the corrector. The account of the summer solstice (ll. 120-2) is very inaccurately expressed, and other errors can be detected in ll. 79 and 83. All these mistakes are due

to the compiler or the scribe ; and the compiler was, more probably than Eudoxus, responsible for the system of reckoning the changes in the length of day and night, which is only a rough approximation to the truth. The difference between the longest and shortest day being $14-10=4$ hours, and five days being deducted from the year on account of the solstices, the change in the length of the day and night is treated as uniformly $\frac{4}{180}$ or $\frac{1}{45}$ hour, which is a convenient fraction for purposes of calculation, but ignores the obvious fact that the changes are much greater at the equinoxes than at the solstices. The uniformity of the changes, however, simplifies the restoration of many lacunae, since, where the figures relating to the day or night are preserved, they are sufficient to indicate the day of the month, when lost, and vice versa.

Amongst the most valuable features of the papyrus are its references to Graeco-Egyptian festivals observed at Sais, of which we append a list :—

- (1) l. 60. Choiak 26, Festival of Osiris.
- (2) l. 62. Tubi 20, Festival of Phitorois.
- (3) l. 76. Mecheir 16 (19), Assembly at Sais in honour of Athena (Neith).
- (4) l. 85. Mecheir 27, Festival of Prometheus-Iphthimis.
- (5) l. 92. Phamenoth 9, Festival of Edu (?).
- (6) l. 112. Pharmouthi 11, Feast of Hera (Mut ?).
- (7) l. 145. Pauni 16, Festival of Bubastis (Bast).
- (8) l. 165. Epeiph [13 ?], Assembly at Sais in honour of Athena (Neith).
- (9) l. 170. Epeiph 23, Festival of Anubis.
- (10) l. 186. Mesore 2, Festival of Apollo (Horus).
- (11) l. 205. 4th intercalary day, Birthday of Isis.

Festivals in honour of deities whose names are lost also occurred on a day between Pauni 24 and Pauni 26 (l. 150) and on Pauni 27 (l. 154). The dates of most of these festivals, and even the names of the deities connected with nos. (2), (4), and (5), were previously unknown ; and except in the case of no. (11), which was universally observed, there are but few points of correspondence between the papyrus and other lists of festivals preserved in the Papyrus Sallier IV of Ramesside times (Chabas, *Le Calendrier des jours fastes et néfastes*), and the Ptolemaic calendars of Edfu, Esneh, and Denderah (Brugsch, *Drei Festkalender*), while the list of festivals observed in Roman times at the temple of Socnopaeus in the Fayûm (Wessely, *Karanis und Soknopaiu Nesos*, p. 76) is altogether different. On comparing the list in the papyrus with the statements concerning festivals in the Canopus Inscr., the two are consistent concerning the date of no. (1), the voyage of Osiris, but disagree in a curious manner with reference to no. (7), the festival of Bast. It is clear that there was much local variation

with regard to the dates of the same festivals; and though in the above list only nos. (3) and (8) are actually stated to be specially Saite feasts, and nos. (1) and (11) are known to have been observed on the same days elsewhere, it is uncertain how far those remaining were observed outside the Saite nome on the days specified. The mention of a general illumination in connexion with no. (8) is particularly interesting, since this was the festival described by Herodotus ii. 62; cf. l. 76, note.

Fr. (a), Col. i. 1]ειν, 2]ους, 3]οις, 4] . ι, 5]ρας, 6-12 lost, 13]α, 14-15 lost, 16]α, 17]ωι, 18]ωι.

Fr. (a). Col. ii.

τ[. .] .]έ]ν Σάι πάνν ἀνήρ
 20 σοφὸς καὶ ἡμῶν χρεῖαν
 ἔχων, ἔχομεγ γὰρ τὸν Σα-
 ῖτην νομὸν ἔτη πέντε.
 πᾶσαν οὖν τὴν ἀλήθει-
 [αν] ἡμῖν ἐξετίθι καὶ ἐπ[ί]
 25 [το]ῦ ἔργου ἐδίκνουν ἐ-
 [κ το]ῦ ὄλμου τοῦ λιθίνου
 [δς ἐκ]αλείτο Ἑλληνιστὶ
 [γν]ώμων. ἔλεγεν δὲ
 [δύο] τὰς πορείας εἶναι τοῦ
 30 ἡλίου μία(μ) μὲν τὴν διορί-
 ζουσιν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέ-
 ραν μία(ν) δὲ τὴν διορίζου-
 σαν χιμῶνα καὶ θέρος.
 ὡς οὖν ἡδυνάμην ἀκρι-
 35 βέστατα ἐν ἐλαχίστοις
 συναγαγεῖν

Fr. (a). Col. iii. PLATE VIII.

ἵνα μὴ δόξω μακρὸν
 καὶ ξένον σοι κατα[νοῖν] ?
 ἡ τῶν μορίων ποι[κίλ]ια ?
 40 τὰς ἀναγκαίας ἡμ[έ]ρας
 μεριοῦμεγ. χρῶντ[αι]
 ταῖς κατὰ σελήνην
 ἡμέραις οἱ ἀστρολόγοι
 καὶ οἱ ἱερογραμματεῖς
 45 πρὸς τὰς δόσεις καὶ ἀ[να]-
 τολὰς τῶν ἀστρο[ν].
 τὰς μὲν οὖν ἑορτὰς
 ἄγουσιν κατ' ἐνιαυτ[ὸν]
 τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέραι τὰς
 50 πλείστας οὐθὲν πα[ρα]-
 λίσσοντες ἐπ' ἀστρο[ν]
 ἢ δύνοντι ἢ ἀνατ[έ]-
 λοντι, {γ}ένιας δὲ ἐορ-
 τὰς ἄγουσιν

20. ημῶν Pap. This is a very early instance of the placing of a dot both above and below a letter in order to indicate that it was to be omitted; cf. 15. 44, where dots are only placed above the cancelled letters. 25. l. ἐδείκνυν. 28. γν[ω]μων: Pap. 34. ακρι: Pap., the letters having been inserted later and the dots serving to separate them from the next column. 35. Final s of ἐλαχίστοις inserted later. 37. l. δόξη? 44. οι above the line. 45. l. δύοσεις. 48. υ of ἐνιαυτον corr. from τ. 51. ρ of αστρον above the line.

Fr. (b), 2nd hand.

Col. iv. PLATE VIII.

- 55 [ή] νὺξ ὥρων ιγίβ'μέ', ή δ' ήμέρα ιβ'έ'λ'q.
 [ι]ς Ἀρκτοῦρος ἀκρώνυχος ἐπιτέλλει,
 [ή] νὺξ ὥρων ιββ'ί'έ'μέ', ή δ' ήμέρα ιαθ'ί'λ'.
 [κ]ς Στέφανος ἀκρώνυχος ἐπιτέλλει
 [κ]αὶ βορέαι πνέουσιν ὀρνιθίαι, ή νὺξ
 60 [ὥρ]ων ιβλ', ή δ' ήμέρα ιαγ'ί'λ'. Ὅσιρις
 [π]εριπλεῖ καὶ χρυσοῦν πλοῖον ἐξά-
 [γ]εται. Τῦβι (ε) ἐν τῶι Κριῶι. κ ἰσημερία
 [ἐα]ρινή, [ή] νὺξ ὥρων ιβ καὶ ήμέρα ιβ,
 [κ]αὶ ἐορ[τ]ή Φιτωρώιος. κς Πλειάδες
 65 [ἀκ]ρώνυχ[οι] δύνου[σ]ιν, ή νὺξ ὥρων ιαβ'ς'q',
 [ή] δ' ήμέρα [ι]βί'λ'μέ'. Μεχεῖρ ς ἐν τῶι
 [Τ]αύρωι. Ὑάδες ἀκρώνυχοι δύνουσιν,
 [ή] νὺξ ὥρων ιαλ'ί'λ'έ',

55. l. ι'έ' for ιβ'.

57. ι'έ' corr. from ε'.

65. ς' corr.

68. l. λ'q' for λ'έ'.

Fr. (c).

Col. v.

- ή δ' ήμέρα ιβγ'μέ', καὶ Ὑρα
 70 κάει . καὶ ἐπ[ι]σημαίνει καὶ
 νότος π[νεῖ], ἐὰν δὲ πολὺς
 γένηται τὰ ἐκ τῆς γῆς
 κατακάει. ιθ Δύρα ἀκρώ-
 νυχος ἐπ[ι]τέλλει, ή νὺξ
 75 ὥρων ιαγ'ί'έ' μέ', ή δ' ήμέρα ιβλ'ί'έ'ό',
 καὶ πανήγυρις ἐν Σαί τῇ[ς]
 Ἀθηνᾶς, καὶ νότο[ς] πνεῖ,
 ἐὰν δὲ πολὺς γέν[η]ται τὰ [ἐκ τῆς
 γῆς κατακάει. κ[.] ἀκρώ-
 80 νυχος ἐπιτέλλει, [ή νὺξ ὥρων ια . . . ,
 ή δ' ήμέρα ιββ'[.]
 ἄγουσιν κα[.]

73. l. ις for ιθ.

75. l. q' for ó.

78. γεν[η]ται above the line.

Fr. (d).

Col. vi.

- κξ Λύρα ἀκρόνυχος δύνει,
 ἡ νύξ ὥρων ιαζ'ή, ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιββ'⟨ίλ⟩μέ,
 85 Προμηθέως ἑορτὴ δν καλοῦσιν
 Ἰφθίμιν, καὶ νότος πνεῖ, ἐὰν δὲ
 πολλὸς γένηται τὰ ἐκ τῆς γῆς κατακάει.
 Φαμενὼτ [.] δ ἐν τοῖς Διδύμοις. ⟨Αἰξ ἐώια⟩
 ἀνατέλλει, ἡ νύξ ὥρων ιαέμέ,
 90 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιββ'δ'κ'ή. ε Σκορπίος ἐώιος
 [ἀρχ]εται δύνειν, ἡ νύξ ὥρων ιγ
 [ἡ δ' ἡμέ]ρα ιγ. θ παρὰ τοῖς Αἰ-
 [γυπτίοις] εδυ ἑορτή. ιβ Σκορπίος
 [ἐώιος ὅλος] δύνει, ἡ νύξ ὥρων ιβ'ζ'ή,
 95 [ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ι]γίλ'⟨λ'⟩μέ. ιγ Πλειάδες
 [ἐώιαι ἐπιτέλ]λουσιν.

87. γένηται above the line. 89. l. μέ for έμέ. 90. δ corr. 91. l. ια for ιγ.
 95. The scribe apparently began to correct the superfluous λ' into μ.

Frs. (e) and (f).

Col. vii.

4 lines lost.

- 101 [23 letters]ου
 ["].. λ'ή
 ["]να
 ["]..
 105 ["]
 σται α[. . . .] . [.]υς ἔχοντα.
 Φαρμου[θι ἐ]ν τῶι K[α]ρκίνωι γ. Ἀετὸς
 ἀκρόνυχος ἐπιτέλλει, ἡ νύξ
 ὥρων ιγ'ή, ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιγλ'ήμέ.

109. l. έμέ for ήμέ.

Frs. (e), (g), (h).

Col. viii.

- 110 ια Δελφίς ἀκ[ρών]υχος ἐπιτέλλει,
 ἡ νύξ ὥρων [ιέ', ἡ δ'] ἡμέρα ιγβ'ί' {α'} λ',
 [κ]αὶ τῆς Ἡρας [. . .] χεῖα.
 [ι]δ' Ὀρίων ἐῶ[ιος] ἐπιτέλλει, ἡ νύξ
 ὥρων ιέ', ἡ δ' [ἡμέρ]α ιγβ'δ'ξ'.
- 115 κ ἡ νύξ ὥρων ι, ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιδ,
 καὶ ἐκ τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἀνατέλλει
 ὁ ἥλιος ἡμέρας γ. <κα> ἡ νύξ ὥρων ι,
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιδ. κβ ἡ νύξ ὥρων ι,
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιδ. κγ ἡ νύξ ὥρων ι,
- 120 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιδ. κδ ἡλίου τροπαὶ
 εἰς θέρος καὶ ἡ νύξ μείζω(γ) γίνεται
 τῆς ἡμέρας ὥρας δωδεκατημόρου μέ',

Fr. (i).

Col. ix.

- καὶ γίνεται ἡ νύξ ὥρων ιέ',
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιγβ'δ'κ'q. κε
- 125 ἐτησίαι ἄρχονται πνεῖν
 καὶ ὁ ποταμὸς ἄρχετ[α]ι
 ἀναβαίνειν, ἡ νύξ ὥρων ιλ'q',
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιγβ'δ'κ'p'.
 Παχὼνς εἰς τῶι Λέοντι.
- 130 Προτρυγητῆς ἀνατέλλει,
 ἡ νύξ ὥρ[ω]ν ιδ'κ'p',
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα [ιγβ'κ'q. θ' Ὀρίων <ἐῶιος>
 ὅλος ἀνατ[έλλει], ἡ νύξ
 ὥρων ιγ'μ[ε', ἡ δ'] ἡμέρα ιγλ'κ'q'.
- 135 ιη Κύνων <ἐῶιος> ἀν[ατ]έλλει, ἡ νύξ
 ὥρων [ιλκ'μέ',

123. l. μέ for ε'μ'.

Frs. (i), (k), (l).

Col. x.

[ή δ' ἡμέρα ιγγ']δ'. Παῦνι [δ
 [ἐν τῇ Παρθένω]ι. Ἀ]ετος ἡώιο[s
 [δύνει, ἡ νύξ] ὥρῳ[ν] ιβ'έλ'q',
 140 [ή δ' ἡμέρα ι]γίέμ[έ'][[. .]]
 [ις Στέφανος] ἐώιο[s]
 [δύνει, ἡ νύξ]
 [ὥρ]ῳν ιαζ'q',

[ή δ' ἡμέρα ιββ'ί[χ'μέ',
 145 B[ou]βάστιος ἐορτή.
 κ[.] Δελφίς ἐώιος
 δύνει, ἡ νύξ
 ὥρῳν ιαγ[. . . ,
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιβ[. . . ,

137. l. θ for δ.

Fr. (m). Col. xi.

150 [.] ἐορτή.
 [κξ Λύρα ἐώια] δύνει,
 [ή νύξ ὥρῳν] ιαγ'ίμέέ',
 [ή δ' ἡμέρα] ιβ[ί]έq',
 [.]s ἐορτή.
 155 [λ]α μεγάλα
 [. . . ἐπιση]μαίνει,
 [ή νύξ ὥρῳ]ν ιαγ'ίχ'μέ',
 [ή δ' ἡμέρα ιβ]λq'.
 [Ἐπειφ . ἐν τ]αῖς
 160 [χηλαῖς τοῦ Σ]κορπίου.
 [. . Ἀρκτοῦρος ἐώ]ιος
 [ἐπιτέλλει,]

152. l. ίέμέ for ίμέέ.

Fr. (m). Col. xiii.

[κξ Αἰξ ἀκρώνυχος]
 [ἐπιτέλλει,]
 [ή νύξ ὥρῳν ιβίέμέ',]
 180 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιαβ'έλ'q'.
 Μεσορεῖ β ἐν τῷ
 Σκορπίῳ. Πλειάδες

Fr. (m). Col. xii.

ἡ [δὲ] νύξ ὥρῳν ι[αβ' . . ,
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιβ[. . . ,
 165 καὶ ἐν Σάι πανήγυρις
 Ἀθηνᾶς καὶ λύχνους
 κάουσι κατὰ τὴν χῶραν,
 καὶ ὁ ποταμὸς ἐπισημαίνει
 πρὸς τὴν ἀνάβασιν.
 170 κγ ἰσημερία φθινοπωρινή,
 ἡ νύξ ὥρῳν ιβ,
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιβ,
 τοῦ Ἀνούβιος ἐορτή,
 καὶ ὁ ποταμὸς ἐπι-
 175 σημαίνει πρὸς τὴν
 ἀνάβασιν.

158. q CORR.

Fr. (m). Col. xiv.

[ἄρχεται δύνειν,]
 [ή νύξ ὥρῳν ιβγ'μέ',]
 [ή δ' ἡμέρα ια[ί]λ'q'.]
 ιδ Σκορπίος ὅλος δύνει,
 195 ἡ νύξ ὥρῳν ιβγ'ίχ',
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιαλ'.

ἀκρώνυχοι ἐπιτέλλουσιν,
 ἢ νύξ ὥρων ιβε΄,
 185 ἢ δ' ἡμέρα ιαβ'ίλ',
 Ἀπόλλωνος ἑορτή.
 δ Στέφανος ἐῶιος ἐπι-
 τέλλει, ἢ νύξ ὥρων ιβε'λ'γ',
 ἢ δ' ἡμέρα ιαβ'ί'έμέ'.
 190 θ Σκορπίος ἀκρώνυχος

15 ἰς Ἱάδες ἀκρόνυχ[ο]ι
 ἐπιτέλλουσιν,
 ἡ νύξ ὥρωνιβλχ'.
 200 ἐν ταῖς ἐήμέραις
 ταῖς (ἐπ)αγομέναις,
 δ' Ἀρκτοῦρος ἀκρόνυχος
 δύνει, ἡ νύξ ὥρωνιββ' ἐχ'ό,
 ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιαί' ἐμέ',
 205 καὶ τῆς Ἰσίου γενέθλια
 ἔχει.

Frs. (*n*) and (*o*). Col. i.

Col. ii.

]α
] . καθὰ ὧ . [.]διον
 Τῷβι κ ἰσημε[ρία ἐ]αρινῇ
 210 τροπῶν θερινῶν . .]νων
] κυ του[. . .] . σιν
] . []
] . []

215 λεπ. [
 διὰ τὸ προσ]

Fr. (q).

Fr. (*p*).

τ[
 ἡμερῶν . [. . . .] . . [. . .
 πέντε τ[ὼν ἐπ]αγομέν[ων
 220 ἐν τῷ ἐνιαυτῷ ἐν αἴς . [
 τὸν ἥλιον ἀνατέλλειν
 ἐν τῇ πορείᾳ τῇ διορι-
 ζούσῃ

225]ν δταν
]σελην
]
]το
]ανε
230]νον
]ιτου
]υσμει
]υ ε
]τα[.
235] ο[.

19-54. '... at Sais a wise man and a friend of mine, for I have been in the Saite nome for five years. He expounded to me the whole truth, and illustrated it in practice from the stone dial which is called in Greek a "gnomon." He said that the courses of the sun were two, one dividing night and day and one dividing winter and summer. Accordingly, to summarize his information as accurately as I could in the shortest space, in order that the intricacy of the fractions may not appear to you a long and unfamiliar thing to understand (?), I will divide the necessary days. The astronomers and sacred scribes use the lunar days for the settings and risings of the stars. They therefore keep most of the festivals annually on the same day, without alterations owing to the setting or rising of a star; but some festivals they keep ...'

19. ἀνὴρ: a disciple of Eudoxus is probably meant; cf. introd.

28-33. Cf. P. Par. 1. 488-491 πορείαι [δὲ τοῦ] ἡλίου δύο· μία μὲν ἢ διορί[ζουσα] τὸ θέρος καὶ τὸν χειμῶνα, μία δὲ ἡ νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν.

34-41. The construction of this passage, which seems to be all one sentence and to require some correction, is obscure. The μόρια apparently refer to the fractions of the hours of the nights and days, and the general purport of the sentence seems to be that the writer, in order to avoid prolixity and a multitude of complicated fractions, would mention in his calendar only the more important days. This is in actual agreement with the calendar, which rarely notices days on which there was nothing more remarkable to record than the length of the night and day. The supplements proposed for ll. 38-40 will make lines 37-9 longer by two or three letters than ll. 41 sqq. Perhaps some letters at the end of those three lines were first omitted and then supplied in the margin, as has happened in ll. 34-5. The future tense μεριοῦμεν in the apodosis after the imperfect ἡδυνάμεν is awkward, but the alteration of συναγαγεῖν to συνήγαγον would make the connexion of μεριοῦμεν with the preceding lines still more difficult.

41-54. Cf. P. Par. 1. 71-80 οἱ δὲ ἀστρολ[ό]γοι καὶ οἱ ἱερογραμμ[ατεῖς] χ[ρ]ῶνται ταῖς κατὰ σελήνην ἡμέραις καὶ ἄγουσι πανδημ[ι]κὰς εἰς τὰς τινὰς μὲν ὡς ἐνομή[σθ]η τὰ δὲ καταχυτήρια καὶ κυνὸς ἀνατολήν καὶ σεληναῖα κατὰ θεῖον (l. θεὸν, Blass) ἀναλεγόμενοι τὰς ἡμέρας ἐκ τῶν Αἰγυπτίων, a passage which agrees closely with our papyrus and clearly indicates their common source. Combining the information from both, the meaning is that the days on which the risings or settings of stars took place were designated by the ordinary months, and were therefore continually changing. Most of the annual festivals in Egypt were kept according to the *annus vagus* of 365 days without reference to the stars, the movements of which took place a day later on the calendar every four years. Certain festivals, however, were observed according to the sidereal year of $365\frac{1}{4}$ days. The Paris papyrus specifies three of these, the fêtes at the Nile rising, the rising of Sirius, and some festival connected with the moon; and 27 may have done the same in the next column, which may also well have contained a passage corresponding to P. Par. 1. 80-85, concerning the day to be intercalated once in every four years. The use of the adjective πλείστας for the festivals observed on the *annus vagus* confirms the view that the employment of the year of $365\frac{1}{4}$ days in Egypt, however ancient, remained quite exceptional, in spite of the efforts of Euergetes, down to the reform of the calendar by Augustus; cf. Dittenberger's note *Orientalis Gr. Inscr.* I. p. 102. The phrase ταῖς κατὰ σελήνην ἡμέραις is rather difficult. The extract from the Paris papyrus quoted above, in which it also occurs, immediately follows a passage describing the difference between the lunar year of 354 days and the solar year of 365. But if 'the days according to the moon' are connected with the lunar year, the statement concerning the astronomers and sacred scribes is not only obviously incorrect but has no relation to what follows. It is therefore preferable to suppose that the phrase αἱ κατὰ σελήνην

ἡμέραι is in both passages used loosely for 'the days of the month' without any real reference to the moon.

53. {γ}ένιος: for another example in this volume of γ inserted between vowels cf. 62. 8 ἀρχυρεῖ. The practice is common in the Tebtunis papyri of the second century B. C.

55-205. ' (Choiak 1st:) . . . The night is $13\frac{4}{5}$ hours, the day $10\frac{4}{5}$. 16th, Arcturus rises in the evening. The night is $12\frac{3}{5}$ hours, the day $11\frac{1}{5}$. 26th, Corona rises in the evening, and the north winds blow which bring the birds. The night is $12\frac{8}{5}$ hours and the day $11\frac{7}{5}$. Osiris circumnavigates, and the golden boat is brought out.

'Tubi 5th, the sun enters Aries. 20th, spring equinox. The night is 12 hours and the day 12 hours. Feast of Phthorais. 27th, Pleiades set in the evening. The night is $11\frac{8}{5}$ hours, the day $12\frac{7}{5}$.

'Mecheir 6th, the sun enters Taurus. Hyades set in the evening. The night is $11\frac{2}{5}$ hours, the day $12\frac{6}{5}$; and Hera burns (?), and there are indications, and the south wind blows. If it becomes violent it burns up the fruits of the earth. 19th (16th?), Lyra rises in the evening. The night is $11\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $12\frac{6}{5}$; and there is an assembly at Sais in honour of Athena, and the south wind blows. If it becomes violent it burns up the fruits of the earth. 2[.]th, Orion (?) rises (sets?) in the evening. The night is 11[] hours, the day 12[] hours. . . . 27th, Lyra (Canis?) sets in the evening. The night is $11\frac{8}{5}$ hours, the day $12\frac{7}{5}$. Feast of Prometheus whom they call Ipthimis, and the south wind blows. If it becomes violent it burns up the fruits of the earth.

'Phamenoth 4th, the sun enters Gemini. Capella rises in the morning. The night is $11\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $12\frac{4}{5}$. 5th, Scorpio begins to set in the morning. The night is 11 hours, the day 13. 9th, feast of Edu (?) among the Egyptians. 12th, Scorpio sets completely in the morning. The night is $10\frac{3}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{7}{5}$. 13th, Pleiades rise in the morning. (The night is $10\frac{3}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{8}{5}$). . .

'Pharmouthi 3rd, the sun enters Cancer. Aquila rises in the evening. The night is $10\frac{17}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{2}{5}$. 11th, Delphinus rises in the evening. The night is $10\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{4}{5}$, and there is the . . . of Hera. 17th, Orion rises in the morning. The night is $10\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{14}{5}$. 20th, the night is 10 hours, the day 14, and the sun rises in the same place for 3 days. 21st, the night is 10 hours, the day 14. 22nd, the night is 10 hours, the day 14. 23rd, the night is 10 hours, the day 14. 24th, summer solstice, and the night gains upon the day by $\frac{1}{5}$ of an hour which is $\frac{1}{12}$ of an (equinoctial) day; and the night is $10\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{4}{5}$. 25th, the etesian winds begin to blow, and the river begins to rise. The night is $10\frac{2}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{4}{5}$.

'Pachon 6th, the sun enters Leo. Vindemitor rises (?). The night is $10\frac{13}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{3}{5}$. 9th, Orion rises completely in the morning. The night is $10\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{2}{5}$. 18th, Canis rises in the morning. The night is $10\frac{8}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{4}{5}$.

'Pauni 4th, the sun enters Virgo. Aquila sets in the morning. The night is $10\frac{4}{5}$ hours, the day $13\frac{4}{5}$. 16th, Corona sets in the morning. The night is $11\frac{8}{5}$ hours, the day $12\frac{7}{5}$. Feast of Bubastis. 2[.]th, Delphinus sets in the morning. The night is 11[] hours, the day 12[]. Feast of . . . 27th, Lyra sets in the morning. The night is $11\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $12\frac{6}{5}$. Feast of . . . 30th, great . . ., there are indications. The night is $11\frac{2}{5}$ hours, the day $12\frac{3}{5}$.

'Epeiph [.] the sun enters the claws of Scorpio. [13th?], Arcturus rises in the morning. The night is 11[] hours, the day 12[]; and there is an assembly at Sais in honour of Athena, and they burn lamps throughout the country, and the river gives indications of rising. 23rd, autumnal equinox. The night is 12 hours, the day 12 hours. Feast of Anubis, and the river gives indications of rising. 27th, Capella rises in the evening. The night is $12\frac{4}{5}$, the day $11\frac{4}{5}$.

'Mesore 2nd, the sun enters Scorpio. Pleiades rise in the evening. The night is $12\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $11\frac{4}{5}$. Feast of Apollo. 4th, Corona rises in the morning. The night is $12\frac{1}{5}$ hours, the day $11\frac{3}{5}$. 9th, Scorpio begins to set in the evening. The night is $12\frac{6}{5}$ hours, the day $11\frac{2}{5}$. 14th, Scorpio sets completely. The night is $12\frac{2}{5}$ hours, the day $11\frac{3}{5}$. 17th, Hyades rise in the evening. The night is $12\frac{4}{5}$ hours, (the day $11\frac{1}{5}$).

'In the 5 intercalary days: 4th, Arcturus sets in the evening. The night is $12\frac{4}{5}$ hours, the day $11\frac{4}{5}$; and the birthday festival of Isis takes place.'

55. The length of the night and day shows that the day in question must be Choiak 1, since the compiler of the calendar treats the difference in length between two successive nights or days as uniformly $\frac{1}{5}$ hour; cf. l. 122 and p. 144.

56. Cf. Geminus (Ἰχθύες δ.) Εὐδόξῳ δὲ Ἀρκτοῦρος ἀκρόνυχος ἐπιτέλλει καὶ ἑτέρος γίνεται καὶ χελιδὼν φαίνεται καὶ τὰς ἐπομένας ἡμέρας ἂν βορέαι πνέουσι καὶ μάλιστα αἱ προορνίθιαι καλούμεναι.

ἀκρόνυχος ἐπιτέλλει: whatever the technical meaning of ἀκρόνυχος (as it is generally spelled) in later Greek astronomers may have been, there is no doubt that Eudoxus, as both the papyrus and Geminus bear witness, used it as equivalent to ἐσπέριος, and that the risings and settings recorded in the papyrus mean the apparent or heliacal ones, not the true. No technical distinction is intended by the compiler of the calendar between ἐπιτέλλειν and ἀνατέλλειν, which occurs in ll. 89, 116, 130, &c.

58. Cf. Gem. (Ἰχθύες) ἐν δὲ τῇ κα Εὐδόξῳ Στέφανος ἀκρόνυχος ἐπιτέλλει. ἄρχονται ὀρνίθιαι πνέοντες.

60. On the περίπλους of Osiris see Plut. *De Iside et Osiride*, 13. The ἐξαγωγή of the sacred boat took place according to the papyrus on Choiak 26, while according to the Canopus Inscr. l. 51 the ἀναγωγή τοῦ ἱεροῦ πλοίου τοῦ Ὁσειρίου occurred on Choiak 29. The two statements are perfectly consistent on the view that the festival lasted 4 days; the papyrus refers to the beginning of the voyage, the Canopus Inscr. to the return of the sacred boat at the end of the festival. Plutarch, *op. cit.* 39, states that the mourning for Osiris occupied four days, but refers the production of the sacred boat to the third day. His date for the festival, Athur 17-20, nominally differs widely from the Ptolemaic evidence owing to his employment of the Julian calendar (a fact which Wiedemann seems to leave out of account in his discussion of the date of the Osiris festival, *Herodots zweites Buch*, pp. 261-2); but the divergence is really slight, for Athur 17 on the Julian calendar coincided with Choiak 26 of the vague year in A.D. 128, which is not long after Plutarch. At Esneh the feast of Sokar, the Memphite god of the dead, identified with Osiris in later times, also took place on Choiak 26.

62. Τῦβι (ε): it is clear from the parallel passages (ll. 66, 88, 129, 181) that a number has dropped out after Τῦβι, and ε, which would easily have been omitted owing to the ε following, can be restored with practical certainty because, firstly, the sun entered Taurus on Mecheir 6 (l. 66), and it must therefore have entered Aries about 30 days (possibly 29 or 31) previously, and, secondly, the equinox, which took place on Tubi 20 (l. 62), was placed by Eudoxus in the middle of Aries (15°; cf. introd.), so that the sun must have entered Aries about 15 days before the 20th. In l. 107 we read Φαρμοῦθι ἐν τῶι Κ[α]ρκίνῳ γ. Ἀετὸς κ.τ.λ., and suppose that γ is misplaced and ought to have preceded ἐν τῶι Καρκίνῳ. The size of the lacuna after Φαρμον suits 3 letters much better than 4, and if Φαρμοῦθι . ε]ν or Φαρμοῦθι (.) ε]ν (the figure would have to be α or β) be read, the already considerable disparity between the times during which the sun was in Gemini and Cancer respectively would be still further increased; cf. p. 142.

64. Φιτωρώιος: the name of this deity is new. There is very likely a connexion between this festival and the 'festival of the child at the town of Sais' which took place on

Tubi 20 according to the Esneh calendar. Was Phitorois the son of Neith, the principal deity of Sais?

κζ Πλειάδες κ.τ.λ.: cf. Gem. (Κριός) ιγ. Πλειάδες ἀκρόνυχτοι δύνουσι καὶ Ὠρίων ἄρχεται δύνειν.

67. Cf. Gem. (Κριός) κα. Ὑάδες ἀκρόνυχτοι δύνουσιν.

69. Ἡρα κἀει. καὶ ἐπισημαίνει: after κἀει is a smudge, and the letter between it and καὶ may have been intended to be erased; but the ink has run in several places in this column. l. 112 τῆς Ἡρας seems to refer to the goddess, but Ἡρα is here more probably the planet Venus or a constellation; cf. Arist. *de Mundo* p. 392 A 27 ὁ τοῦ Φωσφόρου δὲν Ἀφροδίτης οἱ δὲ Ἡρας προσαγορεύουσιν, P. Oxy. 731. 6 τοῖς ἀστροῖς Ἡρας. For the archaic form of κἀει cf. κατακἀει in ll. 73 and 79, and κάουσι l. 167. ἐπισημαίνειν, which occurs in ll. 168 and 174 ὁ ποταμὸς ἐπισημαίνει πρὸς τὴν ἀνάβασιν, not in connexion with an astronomical phenomenon, means here probably, as often in the calendars of Ptolemy and Geminus, an indication with regard to the weather (sc. wind, thunder, rain, &c.). The word in this sense seems always to be used absolutely, without a subject.

73. ιθ: this conflicts with the numbers in l. 75, which indicate the 16th; probably therefore ις should be read here.

Δύρα: cf. Gem. (Κριός) κζ. Δύρα ἀκρόνυχτος ἐπιτέλλει.

76. Athena at Sais was the goddess Neith (cf. Wiedemann, *op. cit.*, p. 259), also identified in Roman times with Isis; cf. Plut. *De Iside et Osiride*, 9. The papyrus mentions another assembly in her honour in Epeiph (ll. 165-6), when there was a general λαμπαδηφορία; and no doubt that was the festival to which Herodotus was referring in his description of the λαμπαδηφορία at Sais in ii. 62, which is to be connected closely with his general statement in ii. 59 ἐς Σάων πόλιν τῇ Ἀθηναίῃ πανηγυρίζουσι rather than, as has been done by Wiedemann and others, with the illuminations at the festival of Osiris in Choiak. The day of general illumination, as now appears clearly from the papyrus, was in honour of Neith, not of Osiris.

The festival of Neith on Mecheir 16 was not known previously, but the Esneh calendar mentions one on Mecheir 8. That found in l. 165 is to be connected with another feast of Neith on Epeiph 13, also mentioned in the Esneh calendar; ιγ may even be the number lost in l. 161.

79. κ[refers to the date, which may be any day between the 20th and 26th; cf. l. 83. Geminus does not quote from Eudoxus at this point any star rising in the evening soon after Lyra, but Ὠρίων ἀκρόνυχτος δύνει, Κύων ἀκρόνυχτος δύνει and Αἰξ ἑφά ἐπιτέλλει occur between the evening rising of Lyra (cf. l. 73) and the morning setting of Scorpio (cf. l. 90). The setting of Canis and rising of Capella are probably referred to in ll. 83 and 89, where in both cases the papyrus is corrupt; and here too, probably, there is an error and Ὠρίων ἀκρόνυχτος δύνει, not ἐπιτέλλει, was meant.

82. Perhaps κατὰ τὴν χώραν; cf. l. 167. A festival is probably referred to, possibly that of 'the strong one'; cf. note on l. 85.

83. Δύρα ἀκρόνυχτος δύνει: this statement cannot be correct in view of the fact that the evening rising of Lyra had taken place only 8 days previously (l. 73). Probably Κύων should be substituted for Δύρα, and the papyrus brought into conformity with Geminus' statements about the sequence of the risings and settings on Eudoxus' calendar at this point; cf. ll. 79 and 89, notes.

85. The identification of Prometheus with an Egyptian deity and the name of the latter, Iphthimis, are both new. Mr. F. Ll. Griffith would explain Ἰφθίμης as a Graecized form of Nefertem, son of Ptah, whose name occurs as -εφτημης at the end of compound names; he supposes that Nefer- was cut down to Ef- and the name pronounced Efteme, giving rise to two slightly different transliterations into Greek, as e.g. in the parallel forms Ἰναρως and -αναρως. The calendars of Esneh, Edfu, and Denderah mention

no festival on Mecheir 27; but the Papyrus Sallier IV mentions a festival of Sokar on that day, and the Edfu calendar a festival of Ptah on Mecheir 28 and 29, while all three Ptolemaic calendars refer to a festival of 'the strong one' (the translation is doubtful according to Griffith; the word might mean 'victory' or 'battle') on Mecheir 21, the Edfu calendar adding that it was observed throughout Egypt. It is possible that there is some connexion between the festival of 'the strong one' and the ceremony referred to in l. 82, but the feast of Iphthimis is in any case probably different.

89. The name of the star rising has been omitted before ἀνατέλλει. We restore Αἰξ ἑώια from Geminus; cf. l. 79, note. ἀνατέλλειν and ἐπιτέλλειν are sometimes distinguished by later astronomers, and referred respectively to the true and apparent risings, but it is clear that the papyrus uses the two terms indiscriminately, meaning the apparent rising in both cases; cf. l. 2, note.

90. Cf. Gem. (Ταῦρος) ια. Σκορπίος ἑῶς δύνειν ἄρχεται. In the case of constellations with several very large stars, it was necessary to distinguish the beginning from the end of the rising or setting; cf. l. 93.

92-3. Ἐδν or .]εδν seems to be the name of a unknown Egyptian deity. [γυντιοις] is quite sufficient for the lacuna, but it is possible that one more letter is lost.

93-4. Cf. Gem. (Ταῦρος) κα. Σκορπίος ἑῶς ὅλος δύνει, and note on l. 90.

95-6. Cf. Gem. (Ταῦρος) κβ. Πλειάδες ἐπιτέλλουσι καὶ ἐπισημαίνει. The length of the night and day can be restored: ἡ νύξ ὥρων ιβ' ἰλ' μ' ε', ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιγ' ε'.

107. Cf. note on l. 62 and Gem. (Δίδυμοι) ζ. Ἀετὸς ἀκρόνυχος ἐπιτέλλει. Between this and the entry corresponding to that in l. 110 Geminus inserts from Eudoxus (Δίδυμοι) ιγ. Ἀρκτοῦρος ἑῶς δύνει, the only certain reference to the stars on Eudoxus' calendar which is omitted in the papyrus.

110. Cf. Gem. (Δίδυμοι) ιη. Δελφὶς ἀκρόνυχος ἐπιτέλλει.

112. In place of ι before -χεια, ν or ω or possibly η can be read. The word seems to refer to a festival in honour of Hera, who at Thebes was identified with Mât. The birth of that goddess was apparently celebrated in Pharmouthi (cf. Brugsch, *Thesaurus*, p. 523), and may be referred to here, though γενέθλια is the word used for the birthday of Isis in l. 205.

113. Cf. Gem. (Δίδυμοι) κδ. Ὀρίων ἄρχεται ἐπιτέλλειν.

116-22. Cf. introd. and the account of the ἡλίου πορεία in P. Par. I. 8-51. Lines 121-2 are very inaccurately expressed. What the writer meant was that from the 24th of Pharmouthi the nights begin to lengthen and the days to diminish by $\frac{1}{45}$ hour per diem, but his actual statement ἡ νύξ (which on the 23rd is 10 hours long) μείζων γίνεται τῆς ἡμέρας (which on the 23rd is 14 hours long) is highly ambiguous. Nor does he seem to be justified in his use of δωδεκατημόρον ὥρας. An hour might be $\frac{1}{12}$ of the period of light irrespective of its length or $\frac{1}{12}$ of the average, i.e. equinoctial, day, and it is of course $\frac{1}{45}$ hour in the latter sense which throughout the calendar the writer actually adds to or subtracts from the length of days, though this system is inaccurate; cf. p. 144. But then ἰσημερινοῦ would be the right word to use here, not δωδεκατημόρον, especially as the 'day' in l. 122 contains 14, not 12, hours.

124-7. On the view that the papyrus dates refer to the years 301-298 B.C., Pharmouthi 25, on which day the river is stated to have begun to rise, is June 28. The attainment of its greatest height nearly two months later is apparently referred to in ll. 168-76. The Canopus Inscr. ll. 37-8 makes the rise begin on Pauni 1, i.e. July 19.

130. Προτρυνγῆς ἀνατέλλει: Geminus has no entry concerning the stars on Eudoxus' calendar between the beginning and completion of the rising of Orion (cf. ll. 113 and 132), and nowhere mentions the star Προτρυνγῆρ (the more usual form) in connexion with Eudoxus. From Smyly's calculations (cf. p. 143) it appears that this statement of the

papyrus must be erroneous, whether *ἑώιος* or *ἀκρόνυχος* be supplied. Pliny, *Hist. Nat.* xviii § 310 (Wachsmuth, Lydus, &c., p. 328), says correctly that in Egypt Vindemitor rose on Sept. 5, or two months later than the date found in the papyrus.

132-3. Cf. Gem. (Καρκίνος) ια. Ὁρίων ἑῶος ὅλος ἐπιτέλλει.

135. Cf. Gem. (Καρκίνος) κξ. Κύων ἑῶος ἐπιτέλλει.

138. Cf. Gem. (Λέων) ε. Ἀετὸς ἑῶος δύνει.

141. Cf. Gem. (Λέων) ι. Στέφανος δύνει.

145. Pauni 16 was also the day of a festival of Bast at Esneh; the statement that the Esneh calendar mentions a second festival in her honour on Pauni 30 (Dittenberger, *Orient. Gr. Inscr.* I, p. 103) is erroneous. The Canopus Inscr., which in l. 37 mentions a μικρά and μεγάλη Βουβάστια, gives a different date, Pauni 1, for both, which is remarkable seeing that Pauni 16 is attested both before and after the date of the inscription.

146. κ[.]: the earliest day in Pauni on which $\frac{1}{3}$ appears as a fraction of the night is the 23rd, the earliest on which $\frac{2}{3}$ disappears as a fraction of the day is the 24th. The date in question therefore must be the 24th, 25th, or 26th.

Δελφίς: cf. Gem. (Λέων) ιη. Δελφίς ἑῶος δύνει.

150. Cf. note on l. 154.

151. Cf. Gem. (Λέων) κβ. Δύρα ἑῶος δύνει καὶ ἐπισημαίνει.

154. This festival is to be assigned to Pauni 27 rather than to Pauni 30, the day to which the figures in ll. 157-8 refer, for throughout the papyrus the mentions of festivals follow the details about the length of night and day. The Denderah calendar mentions a great feast of Hathor and Horus on the last four days of Pauni, and Ἀφροδίτης or Ἀπόλλωνος may have occurred here or in l. 150. The Esneh calendar mentions a festival of Sochet on Pauni 30, there having been already a festival of that goddess on Pauni 16.

156. For ἐπισημαίνει; cf. Gem. (Λέων) κθ. ἐπισημαίνει, and note on l. 69.

159. The number lost is β, γ, or δ; cf. ll. 137 and 181, and p. 142. The 'claws of Scorpio' take the place of Libra; cf. Gem. (Ζυγός) ιξ. Καλίππε χηλαὶ ἄρχονται ἀνατέλλουσαι.

161. Perhaps (Ἐπίφ) ιγ should be restored at the beginning of the line, there being a festival of Neith at Esneh on that day; cf. l. 76, note.

161-2. Cf. Gem. (Λέων) ιθ. Ἀρκτοῦρος ἑῶος ἐπιτέλλει.

166. λύχνους κάουσι; cf. Hdt. ii. 62, and note on l. 76.

168-9. This entry 'the river gives indication of rising,' which is repeated in ll. 174-6, refers apparently to the flood reaching its full height, which it usually does early in October. Epeiph 23, the date to which ll. 174-6 belong, being the day of the autumn equinox, was probably Sept. 27.

173. This date of the Anubis festival, Epeiph 23, was previously unknown.

177-8. Cf. Gem. (Ζυγός) δ. Αἰξ ἀκρόνυχος ἐπιτέλλει.

182-3. Cf. Gem. (Ζυγός) η. Πλειάδες ἐπιτελλουσι.

186. Ἀπόλλωνος ἑορτή: this date, Mesore 2, for the Horus festival is new.

187. Cf. Gem. (Ζυγός) ἐν δὲ τῇ ι Εὐδόξῳ ἑῶος ἐπιτέλλει. The entry clearly corresponds to that in the papyrus, and the omitted name of the constellation is to be restored Στέφανος, as Pontedera had already proposed.

190-1. Cf. l. 90, note, and Gem. (Ζυγός) ιβ. Σκορπίος ἀκρόνυχος ἄρχεται δύνειν.

194. Cf. Gem. (Ζυγός) ιξ. Σκορπίος ἀκρόνυχος Αἰξ ὅλος δύνει, which requires correction. The papyrus confirms Wachsmuth's view that Αἰξ is to be omitted.

197. Cf. Gem. (Ζυγός) κβ. Ὑάδες ἀκρόνυχον ἐπιτέλλουσιν.

199. The length of the day has been omitted; insert (ἡ δ' ἡμέρα ιαγ'ίλ').

202. Cf. Gem. (Σκορπίος) η. Ἀρκτοῦρος ἀκρόνυχος δύνει.

205. The birthday of Isis on the 4th intercalary day is mentioned in the Papyrus Sallier IV, the Esneh, Edfu, and Denderah calendars, and by Plutarch, *De Iside et Osiride*, 12.

209. Τῷβι κ: cf. l. 62.

211. Ἐπειφ is a probable restoration before κγ or after τοῦ, since the autumn equinox took place on Epeiph 23; cf. l. 170.

212. The traces of a letter would suit γ with a stroke over it, i. e. the figure 3.

217-23. This fragment at first sight seems to be concerned with the five intercalary days at the end of Mesore, but it is difficult to connect these with the πορεία of the sun, which divides either summer and winter or day and night (cf. ll. 29-33). Hence we are more disposed to regard the five days as the three days at the summer solstice (cf. ll. 116-20) and the two at the winter solstice, upon which the sun rises ἐκ τοῦ αὐτοῦ (l. 116); these have to be added to the 360 days upon which the day or night increased by $\frac{1}{45}$ hour (cf. ll. 121-2 and introd.) in order to make up the full year of 365 days. But if a figure followed ἡμερῶν in l. 218 the meaning would be something quite different. It is not certain that any letter was written after αἰς in l. 220, though φ[ησι is possible.

IV. ROYAL ORDINANCES

28. CONSTITUTIONAL REGULATIONS.

Mummy 97.

Breadth 6.7 cm.

About B.C. 265.

Notwithstanding its unfortunate condition this papyrus, which refers to the tribal organization of some civic polity, is of no small interest. The style is that of an ordinance (ll. 7-8); and the natural inference is that these fragments belong to a royal edict regulating the constitution of one of the Greek cities of Egypt. The alternative is to suppose that they come from some literary work in which a municipal law was quoted at length. Palaeographical considerations do not materially assist a decision between these two possibilities. The sloping handwriting, which is of a good size and, like other papyri from Mummy 97, of an early period (cf. 64 and 92), is clear and careful; but not more regular than that of many other non-literary papyri, and certainly not of a marked literary character. The feature which is least suggestive of an edict is the narrowness of the column, which is not usual in non-literary documents of any length. But that is a quite inconclusive argument; while in favour of the more obvious hypothesis it is worth noting that a fragment of another series of ordinances (29) was obtained from the same mummy as this. Assuming then that we have here part of an ordinance promulgated in Egypt, the question remains to what city did it refer. The choice lies between Alexandria and the still more recent foundation

Ptolemais, and, so far as existing evidence goes, turns largely upon the interpretation of a fragment of Satyrus, Περὶ δήμων Ἀλεξανδρέων, quoted by Theophilus, *Ad Autolyc.* II. p. 94 (Müller, *Hist. Gr. Frag.* III. p. 164). In the constitution described by the papyrus the tribes were five in number, each tribe containing twelve demes, and each deme twelve phratries (ll. 10 sqq.). The number of tribes at Alexandria and Ptolemais is unknown (cf. Kenyon, *Archiv.* II. pp. 70 sqq.)¹; but Satyrus in the passage cited enumerates eight demes of the Alexandrian tribe Διονυσία, and if his meaning be that it contained only eight then our papyrus cannot refer to Alexandria. But this is not a necessary inference from Satyrus' words. His point is that Ptolemy Philopator, claiming descent from Dionysus, gave precedence to the Dionysian tribe, and that the eight deme-names mentioned were all connected with the god. But it is not stated that all the demes of the tribe were so connected, and had others existed in which the connexion could not be traced, there would have been no occasion to refer to them. The excerpt from Satyrus therefore hardly does more than create a slight presumption in favour of Ptolemais as the subject of these ordinances, though the presumption is somewhat strengthened by the consideration of *a priori* probability; for Soter's creation was still so young that regulations like the present concerning it might be expected to occur. The apparent allusion in ll. 1-3 to previous ordinances forbids us to regard 28 as forming part of Soter's original legislation. On the other hand in favour of Alexandria can be adduced the fact that the city is known from Ps. Callisthenes i. 32 to have been divided into five regions numbered A, B, Γ, Δ, E, with which the five tribes mentioned in the papyrus may have been connected.

Frs. (a), (b), and (c).*

ἀγνοῶσιν τὰ τε γεγ[όμ]-
να αὐτοῖς τε καὶ
γραφέντα [.
. ε . [. . .] . [.
.
5 ται εἰς τὰς φράτρ[α]ς κ[αὶ]
γνωρίζηται ὑπὸ τῶν
φρατέρων θυέτωσαν καὶ
συνέστωσαν το[.]π[ε] . .
[. . . ἀ]πὸ φυλῆς ἐκάστ[ης]

¹ To the three there mentioned, Διονύσιος, Προπαποσεβάστειος, and Πτολεμαίεύς, with perhaps a fourth Φυλαξίθαλάσσειος, may now be added Μουσσοπατέριος, which occurs in P. Tebt. II. 316.

- 10 [ἡμέρ]ας φρατραι δύο. ἐπ[ει-
 δὴ γὰρ [ὕ]πάρχουσιν φυ[λαὶ
 μὲν πέντε τούτων [δὲ
 ἐν ἐκά[σ]τῃ φυλῇ δῆ[μοι
 μὲν [δῶ]δεκα φρατρα[ὶ δὲ
 15 [δῶ]δεκα τῶ[ι] δῆμῳ[ι] [[εκα-
 [[στῶι]] ὥστε γίνεσθαι μ[ὲν
 δῆμους ἐξήκοντα φ[ρά-
 τρας δὲ ἑπτακοσίας εἰ[κοσι,
 ὑπαρχουσῶν [δὲ εἰς] [τὸν
 20 ἐν[ι]αυτὸν [ἡ]μερῶ[ν τρια-
 κοσίων ἐξήκοντα, συ[μβή-
 σεται τῶν ἑπτακοσίων
 εἴκο[σι] φρατριῶν εἰ[.
 σεσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν
 25 δύο τοῖς [.] . [.]
 νοις κ[15 letters
 σκε . [” ”
 χετ[” ”

Fr. (d).

μ[

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Fr (g). Col. i.

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Fr. (e).

30]ισμα

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Col. ii.

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εκ[

εφ[

σιγ[

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. .

Fr. (f).

. . .

] . υσα[

. . .

Fr. (h).

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40]ματο[

]ωσαν οι . [

] . ρυτα[

] . σιν [

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| Fr. (i). | Fr. (k). |
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|] • ην[|]αιδ[|
| 45]ον[|]η[|
| • • • | • • |

'... (in order that) they may not be ignorant of what has been done and written affecting them . . . to the phratries and be recognized by the members of the phratries, let them sacrifice, and let 2 phratries from a tribe associate each day. For since there are 5 tribes, and in each tribe 12 demes, and in the deme 12 phratries, it follows that there will be 60 demes and 720 phratries; and as the year consists of 360 days it will result that 2 of the 720 phratries will . . . each day . . .'

1. ἵνα μή] may be supplied before ἀγνοῶσιν.

4. There is a break below this line, and the extent of the gap, if any, is not ascertainable. It is not even certain that ll. 1-4 belong to the same column as ll. 5 sqq.

5. τὰς φράτρ[α]ς (cf. ll. 14 and 17) is very insecure. ατρ may be αττ or ατι, and the letters preceding and following are rather cramped. The phratry as a subdivision of the Graeco-Egyptian tribe is a novelty, and it must have been relatively unimportant. There is no mention of phratries in the description in P. Tebt. II. 316 of the formalities attending the incorporation of ephēbi in the demes. The occurrence of the form φράτρα (cf. Homer and Herodotus φρήτη), which is also found in Dion. Hal. A. R. 2. 7, 4. 12, is interesting; in l. 23 the Attic φρατρία is used.

8-9. Another break occurs between these two lines, but the edges of the papyrus join satisfactorily, and the connexion of συνέστωσαν with φράτραι δύο suits the sense. The doubtful π may be μ, and το[υ] μέν ἐν|αυτοῦ is a possible reading; but αὐτον is somewhat long for the lacuna in l. 9, and μέν is not wanted.

16. The letters at the beginning of the line are blotted and seem to have been intentionally deleted.

20-1. The statement that the year consisted of 360 days is curious. The Macedonian year, like other Greek years, probably contained 354 days apart from intercalations, and there is some evidence that half the months contained only 29 days; cf. p. 334. Perhaps, however, an average of 30 days was reckoned here for the sake of symmetry. The length of the Egyptian *annus vagus* was 365 days, and if that be the year meant, the 5 intercalary days were left out of account. Possibly on each of them there was a general festival of a whole tribe. As Smyly remarks, the organization revealed by the papyrus seems to rest on an astronomical basis.

Frs. (d) and (e). These two small fragments are each from the top of a column.

40-3. There is a space after σιν in l. 43, which suggests that this fragment contains the ends of lines. The letter before σιν has been corrected and deleted, and there is an ink spot above it which may belong to an over-written letter. Line 40 was possibly the first of a column.

29. FINANCE LAWS.

Mummy 97.

12.6 × 23 cm.

About B.C. 265.

Both sides of this papyrus are inscribed with royal ordinances, but they are too fragmentary to be of very much value. The subject of the recto, which is fairly preserved so far as it goes, is the farming of a tax upon slaves; these were to be registered by their owners at the offices of the agoranomi, and penalties are provided for any attempt at evasion or concealment. Of a general slave-tax at this period nothing is at present known; P. Petrie II. 39 (*b*) and (*c*), to which Wilcken refers (*Ost.* I. p. 304), are shown by the republication of them in III. 107 (*a*) and (*b*) to have no bearing upon the question. It is noticeable that the word here used for slave is not δοῦλος or σῶμα but ἀνδράποδον, which strictly signifies a captive or enslaved prisoner. Perhaps this ordinance was called forth by some considerable increase in that class as a result of one of the wars of Philadelphus,—to whose reign rather than that of Euergetes the papyrus is to be assigned. The prisoners (αἰχμάλωτοι) brought from Asia by the latter monarch are expressly alluded to in P. Petrie III. 104. 2; cf. II. 29 (*e*). 2. The papyrus apparently indicates that the captives were disposed of by the government to private persons, who, besides no doubt having to pay for such appropriation, were subject to a special tax.

The verso is in a much worse case. It is unfortunately divided between two columns, and the amount lost at the beginnings and ends of the lines cannot be precisely fixed. In the text given below the numbers of letters assigned to the lacunae are based upon ll. 22–3 and 36–7. But these numbers are chiefly designed to show the relation of the lines to each other, and the loss may easily be greater than we have supposed. In parts of Col. i restoration seems very difficult with a gap at the beginning of only about a dozen letters. The hand is smaller and more cursive than that of the recto, but the writer may well have been the same person; he was not over-accurate, and several corrections occur. The subject is again tax-farming, but to the nature of the tax there is no clear clue. There is a question of registration (l. 17), but that by itself is of course insufficient to establish a definite connexion with the recto. The most significant word is κτήμα (l. 20), which is often used technically of a vineyard (cf. e. g. 113. 20), and suggests a possible reference to the ἀπόμοιρα (cf. 109 introd.); but there is nothing in the context to confirm this.

The papyrus probably dates from about the middle of the reign of Philadelphus; cf. 64 and 92, which came from the same mummy.

Fr. (a), Recto.

.
 περ καὶ τ λη . ὅταν δὲ κ . [.] τὸ ἀνδ[ρ]άποδον καὶ [δι]πλοῦ[ν]
 ἀπο-
 τινέτω. ἔαν δέ τις ἄλλα . [.] . υ[. . . .] . ν ἢ μὴ ἀπογράψηται
 διὰ τῶν
 ἀγορανομίων [ἢ τ]ὰ τέλη [διαφυγόν τιν]ι καταφανῇ ἐπὶ βλάβη[ι] τοῦ
 τελ[ώνου] στε-
 ρέσθω τοῦ ἀ[νδ]ραπόδ[ου], ἔαν δὲ ἀν[τι]τιλέγῃ κριθήτωσα[ν] ἐ[π]ὶ τοῦ ἀ[ποδε]-
 5 δειγμένου κ[ρι]τηρίου, τῷ [δὲ] μὴ νύσαντι ἔστω τὸ τρίτον μ[έ]ρος [πρα]θ[έ]ντος
 τοῦ ἀνδραπόδου· ἔαν δὲ ὁ ὑπ[ο]τε[θ]εῖς μὴνύσῃ ἐλεύθερος ἔστω καταβαλ[ὼν]
 τὰ γι-
 νόμενα τέλη. γραφέσθωσαν [δ]ὲ καὶ ταύτας τὰς ὑποθέσεις ὃ τε γραμ[μα]τεὺς
 τῶν ἀνδραπόδων καὶ ὁ ἀντιγραφεὺς καὶ ὁ τελώ[ν]ης, ὁ δὲ τελώνης τοῦτο τὸ
 γραμματ[εῖον] γράψας εἰς λεύκωμα μ[ε]γάλοις γράμμασιν ἐκτιθέτω πρὸ
 10 τοῦ ἀγορανομίου ἐκάστης ἡμ[έ]ρας, ἥτις δ' ἂν ἡμ[έ]ραι ἢ ἑξ[ε]ς μὴ γίνηται
 [ἀποτινέτω] (δραχμὰς) . ἐπίτιμι[ο]ν, προσαποτινέτω δὲ κα[ὶ]

Fr. (δ).

. . .
 12]λομέ[
]εως [
 . . .

Fr. (c).

. . .
]η . ω[
 15]αιτ[
 . . .

Fr. (a), Verso.

Col. i.

.]κατ[. . . .] . τ .
 [.]εω[16 letters]ς ἐλάσσονος ἀπογραψας-
 [θ]απα[. .]α[. . . .] . . .]ου[. . .]ωνται ἐν ἡμέραις 10
 [.] δικιμ[α]σταὶ παρευρέ[ει] ἢ τινιούν [παρευρεσει ηιτινιουν]
 20 [.] . ετελ . . . τῆς ἀρχῆς ο[. .]ν στερέσθω τοῦ κτήματος
 [.]κοσ[. . . .] . . . τιμητας. κήρυκας δὲ καὶ ὑπη[ρ]έτα[s]
 καθίστω ὁ τε[λ]ώνης
 κηρύσσει
 [.] . . δων ὑπηρ[ε]τ[ῆ]ι ἢ ὑπηρετῇ μὴ κατὰ τὰ [προσ]-
 [τεταγμένα ἀπο]τείσει (δραχμὰς) ρ προσκαταβάλλειν δὲ παντ[α]σ[. . .]

- [. δοκι]μαστικῶν ἐνδὸς τοῦτου τ[ο]ῦ τέλους τῶι [. . . .]
 25 [. ὁ τε]λώνης τῶι βασιλεῖ πρᾶσσέ[τ]ω ἐξ οὗ ἂν τ[. . .]α
 [.]τον μέρος μηθένα ὑπόλ[ο]γον ποοῦμεν[ο]ς, [ἐὰν δὲ
 [.] ὁ ἀντιγραφεὺς τῶι τελώνῃ μὴ ἐξ[έ]στω
 [. κα]ὶ ἄκυρος αὐτῶι ἔσ[τ]ω ἢ σύνταξις, ἐὰν δὲ . .
 [. π]ράσσων πράξει

19. 1. δοκιμασταί.

21. κηρυκας . . . υπη[ρ]ετα[ς] added above the line.

Col. ii.

- 30 ηρεται τ[.]ν τ[.] . . τε[.]
 ωστακτ[.] . . . ωσαναπ[.]
 ὁ δὲ ἀντ[ι]γραφ[ε]ὺς κ[α]ὶ ὁ τ[ε]λώνης 17 letters γρα-
 φ[ε]σαν καὶ τῇ ὑσ[τ]εραίᾳ πρ[ὸ] τ[ο]ῦ ἀγορανομίου ἐκτιθέτωσαν?
 καθ' ἡμέραν [σ]ύμβολον διπλοῦν σφρα[γισάμενοι
 35 τη[.] (δραχμ[.] . . ?) ι, ἐὰν δὲ μὴ συνσφραγίζωντα[ι κατὰ
 τὰ γεγραμμένα εἰσπρ[α]χθῇτω ἐκά[τερος] αὐτῶν (δραχμὰς) . καὶ ἐξ-
 [ο]υσία ἔστω τῶι τελώνῃ ἀντειπεῖν [17 letters ἀ-
 γαφερέτω δὲ καὶ τὰ λελογευμένα [18 "]
 κ[.] ἐπὶ τὴν βασιλικὴν τ[ρ]άπεζαν . [18 letters
 40 ε[.] β[α]σιλικῆς [τραπέξη]ς λόγου τ[.] " "
 [.]ω εἰς τὸ λογιστήριον γράφων [πόσα τε ἤδη πέπτωκεν
 ἐπὶ τὴν [τρά]πεζαν καὶ τί ὀφείλεται ἀν[.] . [18 letters

Fr. (δ). . . .

Fr. (ε). . . .

Fr. (α). . . .

τῶι τ[.]έλει [

]

]ται κ[

]μενου[

46]ας

]νε[

45]σαι το[

. . . .

32. 1. γρ[α]φόντων?

36. χ of εἰσπρ[α]χθῇτω added above the line.

1-11. ' . . . and when . . . the slave, he shall forfeit double. If any one (alienate?) or fail to register (a slave) through the agoranomus-offices or be discovered evading the taxes to the detriment of the tax-farmer, he shall be deprived of the slave. If he dispute the decision they shall be tried before the appointed tribunal, and the third part of the value of

the slave when sold shall go to the informer. If the slave (assigned?) give information, he shall be free on payment of the usual taxes. The scribe of the slaves and the anti-graphheus and the tax-farmer shall write out these assignments(?), and the tax-farmer shall write this document upon a notice board in large letters and expose it in front of the agoranomus-office every day, and for every day that this exposure does not take place he shall pay a fine of . . drachmae, and shall further pay . . .

1. Probably *καθάπερ*, and perhaps *τὴν* . . *λην* after *καί*. The *λ* may be *μ*, but there is not room for *τιμήν*. *τέλη* cannot be read.

2. If *ἀλλα* . [is a verb, it can only be some part of *ἀλλάσσειν*, and *ἀλλάζεται* gives an appropriate sense; but the *ξ* is not very satisfactory. A more definite expression than *ἀλλα* (*ποιήσῃ*) is, however, expected; *ἀλλαχῇ* is not impossible. The problem of the supplement is complicated by the doubt whether Fr. (c) should not be assigned to ll. 1-2. If so, [ατ] must be inserted about midway between *ἀλλα* . [and] . υ[. This position is suggested by the verso, which contains the last two letters of a line and might be placed at the end of l. 28, and, adopting that arrangement, we might read *ἀλλάξῃται* τ[. . .] . υ[πο-τεθ]έν (τ[ούτο τ]ὸ υ[π. is rather long); cf. the next note.

6. υπ[. . .] . *εις* must be an aorist participle passive, and the faint trace before *εις* would suit *θ* or perhaps *φ*. *υπ[οτε]θείς* is suggested by *υποθέσεις* in the next line; but the technical meaning of those words here is uncertain. For *υποτιθέναι* in the sense of 'make subject to' cf. Plato, *Poliz.* p. 308 A ἀρ' οὐχ ὑποχειρίους τοῖς ἐχθροῖς ὑπέθεσαν τὰς αὐτῶν πατρίδας;

7. The *τέλη* are the taxes on emancipation rather than those which the owner was attempting to escape, and for which he would naturally remain responsible. For the taxes on emancipation in the Roman period cf. P. Oxy. 722. 19, note.

16-21. The first letters of these lines,]εω[,]απα[,]δικιμ[, . *ετελ* and]κος[, are on a detached fragment, the position of which is not certain. The recto is blank, as it should be if placed here; but the necessity of supposing a misspelling in *δικιμ[α]σταί* is not quite satisfactory, though]δικιμ[is difficult to interpret in any case. A suitable reading of l. 20 is also not easy to obtain; the third letter is more like *τ* than *ξ*, but] δὲ τέλει is as little convincing as δ]ε ἐξέλθῃ. For the *δοκιμαστής* and *δοκιμαστικόν* (l. 24) cf. 106, introd. and 110. 31, note.

22. *κηρύσσει* seems intended to replace *ὑπηρ[ετ]ῇ*, but that word was apparently not deleted in any way; cf. ll. 32-4, note. If *ὑπηρ[ετ]ῶν* were read, as is just possible, *κηρύσσει* would then have to be inserted before it; but this is an awkward collocation, and the final letter of *ὑπηρ[ετ]* . . is hardly high enough for a *ν*.

23. The infinitive *προσκαταβάλλειν* is unexpected and is perhaps an error for *προσκαταβαλεῖ*.

24. *ένδς τούτου* can hardly be right; *οισ* might be read for the first *το*.

26. *υπόλ[ο]γον* in this phrase is a masculine substantive; cf. 85. 24, note.

28. Perhaps *ἐάν δὲ τ]ύς*; cf. notes on ll. 2 and 46.

30. Perhaps *υπ[ηρ]έται*, though this division is unusual.

31. The top of a letter after *κ* suits *τ* better than *α*; possibly *κτῆ[μα]τα* (cf. l. 20).

32-4. Cf. ll. 8-10. The scribe apparently intended to alter (?) *γρα[φ]έτωσαν το γραφόντων*, but he neglected to delete *σα*; cf. note on l. 22.

37 sqq. The general sense clearly is that the tax-farmer was to produce the amount he had collected, while the banker was to make a statement of accounts. *ὁ τραπεζίτης* is probably to be supplied at the end of l. 39, but *ἐκ τοῦ τῆς* is too long for the lacuna at the beginning of l. 40.

46. These two letters should perhaps be placed at the end of l. 28; cf. note on l. 2.

47-8. The recto of this fragment is blank.

V. LEGAL DOCUMENTS

30. JUDICIAL SUMMONS.

Mummy 6.

Fr. (*d*) 9.4 × 10.6 *cm.*

B.C. 300-271.

This papyrus affords a specimen of a formal summons (ἐγκλημα) served by a plaintiff in a civil process upon his adversary. A longer but less well preserved example has lately been published in P. Petrie III. 21 (*g*). 12-35, where the same characteristic formulae appear; and the two documents well illustrate the procedure of the time in the preliminary stages of an action at law.

The papyrus is in four fragments which refer to more than one suit. The summons contained on Fr. (*d*) is complete in itself, and lacks only a few letters at the beginnings of the lines. The three smaller pieces are however certainly in the same hand, and probably came from the upper part of the same sheet. The document is therefore a copy of the original summonses actually presented, though the claimant, whose name is lost, may have been the same person in both cases. Both were actions for recovery of a debt, and in both the plaintiff and defendant belonged to the same military troop. In Fr. (*a*) the debt was 330 drachmae, in (*d*), the more complete specimen, principal and interest amounted to 1050 drachmae. A declaration is first given of the fact of the debt, and that applications for payment had been fruitless; then comes a formal announcement of the institution of judicial proceedings (διὸ δικάζομαί σοι, cf. P. Petrie, *ibid.*, l. 27), and a statement of the sums involved, followed by the names of the witnesses to the summons (κλήτορες), who are two in number according to the usual Attic practice. At the end is the date and a notification concerning the court at which proceedings were to be instituted. Precisely the same scheme, except that the witnesses are placed last, is followed in the Petrie papyrus, where the point at issue was not a debt, but, apparently, an assault. The constitution of the court was in that instance a board of nine dicasts under a president, and may have been the same here. The papyrus is written in a small neat hand of a decidedly early type. The fact that the gods Adelphi were not yet associated with Alexander shows that the year is prior to the 15th of Philadelphus (cf. 99, introd., and p. 368); and the reign may even have been that of Soter.

Fr. (*a*).

] . .

] Μακ[εδῶ]ν τῶν Ἀλεξ[άνδρου]

N]ικάνορι Μακ[εδόνι
 τῶν Ἀλ]εξάνδρου χιλιάρχω[ι
 5 ὅτι ὀφείλ]ων (δραχμὰς) τλ κατὰ συγγραφὴν

Fr. (b).

] . . [.] σ[.

] το ἐπι[.

] ιδετι[.] ν

] ἴσον ὁμο

] . ν . . ρου[

10

] . ο[

Fr. (c).

]

] . τρων

] . . .

Fr. (d).

[. τῶν Ἀλε]ξάνδρ[ο]ν δεξα-

[νικὸς Πε]ρδίκκαι Μακεδ[ό]ν[ι] τῶν Ἀλεξάνδρ[ο]ν.

15 [δηλῶ σο]ι ὅτι ὀφείλων μοι κατὰ συγγραφὴν

[(δραχμὰς) . . ὧ]ν ἔγγυός ἐστιν Ἀντίγονος Λιμναίου

[ταύτας] ἀπαιτούμενος ὑπὸ μου πολλάκις οὐκ ἀ-

[ποδιδί]ωις οὔτε τῷ πράκτορι ἡβούλου ἔξομο-

[λογήσ]ασθαι, διὸ δικάζομαι σοι τοῦ ἀρχαίου

20 [καὶ τόκο]ν (δραχμῶν) Ἀν. τίμημα τῆς δίκης (δραχμαὶ) Ἀν.

[κλήτορες .] καφυσίος Κῶιος τῶν Ἀλεξάνδρου ιδιώ-

[της] λαος Μένωνος Θρᾷξ τῆς ἐπιγονῆς.

[.]

[ἔτους . . ἐφ' ἱε]ρέως Φιλίσκου τοῦ Σπουδαίου μηνὸς

[.] ου ιδ. ἡ δίκη σοι ἀναγραφῆσεται[α] ἐν

25 [τῷ ἐν Ἑρ]ακλέους πόλει δικαστηρίῳ [ἐ]νώπιον

[.] ἔ]κπλωι. (2nd hand) δι' Ἐπιμένους.

13 sqq. ' . . . decurion of the troop of Alexander to Perdikkas, Macedonian of the troop of Alexander. I give you notice that you owe me by a contract . . drachmae, for which Antigonos son of Limnaeus is surety, and that notwithstanding frequent demands from me you do not repay this sum nor were willing to acknowledge the debt to the collector; I therefore am taking legal proceedings against you for principal and interest amounting to 1050 drachmae; the assessment of damages is 1050 drachmae. Witnesses

of the summons: [.]caphusius, Coan, private of the troop of Alexander, and . . . laus son of Menon, Thracian of the Epigone.

'The . . . th year, in the priesthood of Philiscus son of Spoudaeus, the 14th of the month . . . The case will be drawn up against you in the court at Heracleopolis in the presence of . . . (Signed) Through Epimenes.'

1. There are traces of ink near the edge of the papyrus; but the document really begins with l. 2.

5. κατὰ συγγραφὴν: cf. l. 15. Smyly is, we think, wrong in interpreting κατὰ συγγραφὴν ὁμολογίας in P. Petrie III. 21 (a)-(f) as an agreement of the parties ratified by the court (p. 43). κατὰ συγγραφὴν there, as here, probably refers to the contract out of which the case arose. There is nothing to show that 21 (b) concerns an action for assault; αἰσώτιας (?) in l. 11, if μετ[ὰ κυρ]ίου is right, must be a feminine proper name.

13. δεκανικός: cf. 98. 21, &c. This military title has not previously been found written out in full, though it can now be recognized in P. Petrie III. 54 a. (4) 5 and 114. 1, where l. δε(κανικός). δεκανοὶ φυλακιδῶν occur in the second century in P. Tebt. 27. 31, and a δεκανός in P. Tebt. 251. Other military titles mentioned in this volume in connexion with the Greek settlers are λοχαγός (81. 7, 15), ἰλάρχης (105. 3), ἡγεμών (44. 2), all of which are familiar from the Petrie papyri, ιδιώτης (30. 21, 89. 7, &c.), which is not used elsewhere in papyri to denote a military rank, and a new (?) title of which the plural ends in οἱ (98. 13). τῶν (in 110. 72 τῶν πρώτων), followed by the name of the captain of the particular troop, is added in many instances, sometimes preceding the word denoting rank, sometimes following it, as is more usually the case in the Petrie papyri. The absence of the title κληροῦχος in the Heracleopolite and Oxyrhynchite papyri from Hibeh (the κληροῦχοι in 82. 16 were in the Fayum), and the comparative rarity of the titles ἑκατοντάρουρος, ὀγδοηκοντάρουρος, &c., afford another point of contrast with the Petrie papyri. ιδιώτης serves to distinguish the lowest rank of military settlers from that of 'decurion' (δεκανικός) and of higher officers such as the λοχαγός, ἰλάρχης, and χιλίαρχος. This use of the term anticipates our technical military sense of 'private'; cf. Xen. *Anab.* i. 3. 11, where ιδιώτης is contrasted with στρατηγός. λειτουργός in 98. 14 and 31 probably has no military signification; cf. note *ad loc.*

15. The title of Perdiccas, e.g. [ιδιώτη]ι, may have stood in the lacuna, but the syntax is improved by supplying some verb like δηλῶ.

19-20. ἀρχαίου [καὶ τόκο]ν: cf. 92. 15-16. The τίμημα demanded seems to be additional to the sum due on account of the actual loan, and represents the penalty which was no doubt provided by the contract in case of non-payment. To suppose that this penalty was equal to the amount of the debt accords with other evidence for this early period; cf. 84 (a). 9 and note on 88. 13.

21. [κλήτορες]: cf. P. Petrie III. 21 (g). 34.

22. The space below this line is slightly wider than elsewhere, but there was probably nothing between ἐπιγονῆς and the date.

24-5. The publication of the details of the charge at the court before which it came was part of the normal procedure at Athens. For [ἐ]νώπιον cf. P. Petrie III. 21 (g). 34, where ἐνώπια (or ἐνώπιον?) is to be read.

26. ἔ]κπλωι: cf. P. Petrie III. 21 (e). 5, where, however, the reference is equally obscure.

31. ABSTRACT OF A CASE FOR TRIAL.

Mummy 5.

Breadth 17.7 cm.

About B.C. 270.

The contents of this papyrus are a short summary of the details of a judicial suit, but owing to lacunae and the involved construction the situation is not easy to grasp. The text, according to a common custom at this period (cf. 30, &c.), is given in duplicate, and nothing is lost above l. 1 or below l. 23; but there is a gap in the middle, and unfortunately the commencement is defective in both copies. Thrason and Pasis, the parties in the case, seem each to have accused the other of having lost 7 jars of wine from a store-place which had been leased by the owner Pasis. Affidavits were entered on both sides, and evidence was given that the store had been opened. The nature of the judgement, if indeed a judgement is recorded by the papyrus at all, depends upon the view taken of a mutilated passage, but there is reason to think that Pasis was condemned to pay compensation to Thrason to the extent of 56 drachmae; cf. note on ll. 6-7.

The papyrus is written in a rather large clear cursive, and is unlikely to be later than the first half of the reign of Philadelphus. The mummy from which it came produced also 84 (a) and 97, the earliest dated documents in this volume.

Fr. (a).

[23 letters] Θρά[σ]ωνι προ[. .
 [22 „] . ον αὐτῶν [. .
 διακου[σ] [σ]μένου Θράσων[ος
 τὸν ὄρκο[ν] καὶ Π[άσι]τος δόντος ἀνομόσημ[ον
 5 Θρά[σ]ων[υ] (α) ἀπολωλέκ[εν]ας ἐκ τοῦ ταμείου
 οἶνου κεράμια ζ' ἀ[ποδοῦναι]
 σινω τῶν ἐπτὰ κεραμ[ίων] τιμὴν ὡς ἐξ] η (δραχμῶν),
 / (δραχμαὶ) νς, ἀ ἐνεκάλεσεν ἀ[πολω]λέκ[εν]αι
 ἐκ τοῦ ταμείου οὗ ἐξεμ[ίσθ]ωσεν Πᾶσις [προ-
 10 μ[α]ρτυρήσαντος Διονυσίου Ἀσκληπιάδου
 [Νι]κ[άρ]χου ἄλλου Ἀσκληπιάδου γεγε[νη]σθαι
 [τὴν ἐπάνοιξιν] τ[οῦ] ταμ[ε]ί[ου].

Fr. (δ).

7 . . α . .
 μένου Θράσωνος [τὸν ὄρκον καὶ Πάσιτος
 15 δόντος ἀνομό[σημον Θράσωνα ἀπολωλεκέ-
 ναι ἐκ τοῦ τα[μείου οἴνου] κ[εράμια ζ'
 ἀ[πο]δοῦ[ναι . . .]σιν[.]· τῶν ἐπτά
 κεραμίων τιμῇ[ν ὡς ἐξ] ἡ (δραχμῶν), / (δραχμαὶ) νς,
 ἀ ἐνεκάλεσεν ἀπολωλεκέναι ἐκ τοῦ τα-
 20 μείου οὗ ἐξέμισθωσεν Πᾶσις προσμαρ-
 τυρήσαντος Ἀσκληπιάδου Νικάρχου
 ἄλλου Ἀσκληπιάδου γεγενῆσθαι τὴν
 ἐπάνοιξιν τοῦ ταμείου.

Fr. (c).
 ἀ]πεκρίνα[το
 25]αιπ[

5. 1. ἀπολωλεκέναι.
the line.

9. α of πασις corr. from ι.

12. εἰ of ταμείου added above

ll. 2-12. ' . . . having heard (?) . . . , after Thrason had made an oath, and after Pasis had given a contradictory declaration that Thrason had lost from the store-place 7 jars of wine, gave judgement that Pasis should pay to Thrason (?) the price of the 7 jars at the rate of 8 drachmae per jar, making 56 drachmae, which jars he accused Pasis of having lost from the store-place leased by Pasis, further testimony that the store had been opened having been given by Dionysius, Asclepiades, Nicarchus, and another Asclepiades.'

1-2. ? πρὸς | Πᾶσιν.

4. δόντος ἀνομόσημον: sc. ὄρκον, ἀνομόσημος is a new compound.

6-7. For ἀποδοῦναι cf. l. 17, where ἀποδοῦναι seems almost inevitable. If ἀποδοῦναι be granted, it must depend on a finite verb which we think is to be found in ἀ]πεκρίνατο in Fr. (c). The first question is where this fragment is to be placed. It does not suit the end of l. 6, for it would quite fill up the line, and σινω in l. 7 would be left suspended; moreover a discrepancy would result in l. 17 where the σ before αῖ is quite certain. Fr. (c) therefore belongs to the beginning of the document, and may be placed either in ll. 1-3 or in the corresponding place of the second copy. It remains to find a suitable restoration of the words between ἀποδοῦναι and τῶν, upon which the interpretation of the document largely depends. σινω at the beginning of l. 7, if right, can hardly be anything but a place-name; in l. 17, however, the letter before τῶν is not ω but almost certainly ι. This might no doubt be explained as an iota adscript which in l. 7 was omitted; but in view of the other inaccuracies on the part of this scribe we are disposed to expect a more

serious error, and suggest that *σινω* is a slip of the pen for *σωνι*, i.e. *Θράσωνι*.]*σιν* in l. 17 will then of course be *Πᾶσιν* and *Πᾶσιν Θράσωνι* just fits the length of the lacunae in both copies. If this rather bold solution is correct, ἀ]πεκρίνα[το (or -ναντο?) ἀποδοῦναι will be the verdict and not a statement by one of the parties, a view which is supported by διακού[σας (?) in l. 3.

8. If the interpretation proposed in the previous note be on the right lines, the subject of ἐνεκάλεσεν should be Thrason; for it would be hardly reasonable to make Pasis pay Thrason if Pasis had himself incurred the loss. The rate here fixed, 8 drachmae for a κεράμιον, is just equivalent to the highest price found for a κεράμιον in the Tebtunis papyri (4000 dr., P. Tebt. 253) if the ratio of the values of silver and copper drachmae be taken as 1 : 500. But prices of κεράμια are deceptive; cf. P. Tebt. 113. 36, note.

10. Διονυσίου is omitted in the second copy, l. 21.

32. SEQUESTRATION OF PROPERTY.

Mummy A 14.

34.5 × 12 cm.

B.C. 246 (245).

The purport of this document, which concerns the sequestration of sheep belonging to a military settler, is somewhat obscure owing to the mutilation of the chief verb in l. 4. If our interpretation is correct, the papyrus records the sequestration by Heraclitus, an Alexandrian citizen, of 38 sheep, the property of Neoptolemus, a Macedonian settler, who had been condemned by default to pay a fine for an act of ὕβρις committed against Heraclitus. The relation of the last four lines, which are dated a week later, to the main text is uncertain. The writing is a large, handsome cursive; the second year no doubt refers to Euergetes.

(Ἔτους) β Δίου κε, διὰ Τηλε-
μάχου. Ἡράκλειτος Ἡρ[ακλεί-
του Καστόρειος τῶν οὐπω
[ἐ]πηγμένων παρεδ[έξατο ?
5 ὑπάρχοντα Νεοπτολέμου
Μακεδόνης ἰδι[ώ]του τῶν
Ἀντιόχου πρὸς καταδί-
κην ἔρημον ὕβρεως
πρὸς (δραχμὰς) σ καὶ τοῦ ἐπιδε-
10 κάτου (δραχμὰς) κ πρόβατα λη,
ἔρσ[εν]ες η, ἄρνες ιγ,
ὑποδίφθερα ἡμίκουρ[α ις

ὧν λευκόφαιον ψιλὸν ἔν,
 [Αἰ]γύπτια ἡμίκουρα γ,
 15 ψιλὰ νόθα ι, ἡμίκουρον
 ἔν, Αἰγύπτια ψιλὰ β / [λη.
 Ἀπελλαίου β, ἐξωμό[σα-
 το Μένιππος Μενεμάχου
 Μυσὸς τῆς ἐπιγονῆς [. . .
 20 φάμενος αὐτ[.] . [

On the verso

ἐνεχυρασία.

'The 2nd year, Dios 25, through Telemachus. Heraclitus son of Heraclitus, of the Castorian deme but not yet enrolled, has taken over (?) property of Neoptolemus, Macedonian, a private in Antiochus' troop, who had been condemned by default for violence to a fine of 200 drachmae and the extra tenth, 20 drachmae, namely 38 sheep, of which 8 are rams, 13 lambs, 17 covered with skins and half-shorn, of which (17) 1 is whitish grey and shorn, 3 are of Egyptian breed and half-shorn, 10 are shorn and half-bred, 1 is half-shorn, 2 are of Egyptian breed and shorn, total 38. Apellaeus 2. Menippus son of Menemachus, Mysian of the Epigone, excused himself on oath (?), saying that he . . . ' (Title) Pledge.'

1. Δίου κε: this day probably corresponded to some date in Choiak at this period; cf. App. i.

3. Καστόρειος κ.τ.λ.: the formula in the Petrie papyri is fuller, e.g. III. 11. 27 Ἀλεξανδρεὺς τῆς ἐπιγονῆς τῶν οὐπὼ ἐπηγγεμένων εἰς δῆμον Καστόρειον.

4. If παρεδ[έξατο is right, there is hardly room for τά after it.

9. ἐπιδέκατον: this is a clear instance of the use of that term, which occurs also in 92. 19, for an 'extra tenth,' not '1 $\frac{1}{10}$.' Probably there is a connexion between these ἐπιδέκατα and the ἐπιδέκατον which, according to an ordinance of (probably) Philadelphus preserved in P. Amh. 33. 28-37, was to be levied twice over from advocates who had pleaded in προσοδικαὶ κρίσεις to the detriment of the State revenues. The fine there levied upon the advocates would seem to be twice the ἐπιδέκατον levied upon their clients. But the interpretation of the ἐπιδέκατον in P. Amh. 33 is still very obscure.

12. ὑποδίφθερα: cf. P. Petrie III. 109 (δ). 12 and the editor's note.

14. [Αἰ]γύπτια: cf. 36. 6 Ἀράβιον. νόθα in l. 15 probably means a mixture of the two breeds.

17. ἐξωμό[σα]το: or, possibly, ἐξωμο[λογήσα]το: cf. 30. 18.

19. Probably nothing is lost after ἐπιγονῆς.

VI. DECLARATIONS AND PETITIONS

33. PROPERTY-RETURN OF SHEEP.

Mummy A.

11.6 × 8.2 cm.

B.C. 245 (244).

An ἀπογραφὴ of sheep, drawn up by a military settler; cf. P. Petrie III. 72 (b). Like the property-return in P. Petrie II. p. 33, 33 omits any mention of the official addressed, and the formula begins with ἀπογραφὴ instead of ἀπογράφομαι. P. Petrie III. 72 (b) is addressed in duplicate to the oeconomus and topogrammateus, and 33 is also apparently in duplicate; but it is unlikely that the two copies were intended for different officials, since the practice of writing documents twice over on the same papyrus is common at this period, e.g. 36-7.

The papyrus was written in a cursive hand; the second year might refer to Philadelphus' reign, though more probably that of Euergetes is meant.

[Ἔτους β Παμενώτ.] ἀπο-
[γραφὴ λείας . .] . τ . !
[. . εἰς τὸ τρίτον] ἔ-
τος π[α]ρ' [Ἀ]ρ[ο]ι[μ]ήτου
5 Θραικὸς ιδιώτου τῶν Ἀε-
τοῦ. ὑπάρχει μοι πρόβ[α]-
τα ἴδια ἐν κώμῃ Ψε-
πθονέμβῃ τοῦ Κωείτ[ο]υ
ὀγδόηκοντα.

10 (ἔτους) β Παμενώτ. ἀπογρα-
φὴ λείας εἰς τὸ τρίτον ἔ-
τος παρ' Ἀροιμηότου Θραι-
κὸς ιδιώτου τῶν Ἀετοῦ.
ὑπάρχει μοι [πρόβατα ἴδια
15 [ἐ]ν [κώμῃ] [Ψεπθονέμβῃ
[τοῦ Κωείτου ὀγδόηκον]τ[α].

6. υ of -του corr. from ν.

'The 2nd year, Phamenoth. Return of a flock (?) for the third year from Aroimeotes, Thracian, a private of Aetus' troop. I own eighty sheep as my private property at the village of Psephthonembe in the Koite district.'

2. The sense of *λεία* here is obscure. For the word at this period in reference to sheep cf. P. Petrie III. 111. 8 φυλακτικὸν *λείας* *προβάτων*, and 112 (a). 11, &c., where the *φυλ. λείας* is contrasted with the *φυλ. ιερείων*, i.e. animals destined for sacrifice. In those instances, as here, the *λεία* of sheep occurs in connexion with military settlers, and it would be possible to suppose that they had received from the state a grant of sheep either taken as plunder or in lieu of plunder. But *λεία* occurs in Frs. (1), (3), and (6) of Rev. Laws in connexion with the *ἐννόμιον*, or tax for the use of the royal pastures (cf. 52, introd.); and it seems probable that in reference to sheep the word had lost the connotation of plunder, though it is noticeable that *λεία* has its ordinary sense in 62. 4, and P. Petrie III. 28 (e) verso 3, and (apparently, though the context is not quite clear) 64 (c). 11-2.

The vestiges at the end of the line do not suit any part of *προβάτων*, and the word, whatever it was, did not recur in l. 11. Perhaps there was a dittography or some other mistake.

34. PETITION TO THE KING.

Mummies 69 and 70.

Breadth 32 cm.

B.C. 243-2.

A petition to Ptolemy (Euergetes) from Antigonus, probably a phylacites, complaining that Patron, the archiphylacites of the lower toparchy of the Oxyrhynchite nome, had prevented him from carrying out his duties, and asking for redress. 73 is a letter from Antigonus on the same subject to Dorion, the epistates. Both documents are mutilated; but they supplement each other, and the sequence of events is clear. Callidromus, a Cyrenean settler, had obtained unlawful possession of a donkey belonging to a certain Dorion, and Antigonus has been directed by Dorion the epistates to compel Callidromus either to restore the animal to its owner or to pay its value. Antigonus accordingly arrested Callidromus and lodged him in a prison at the village of Sinaru. Patron then intervened, and not only released Callidromus from prison but himself took possession of the donkey (73. 13-4).

The most interesting feature of these two documents is their illustration of the practice of personal execution, and their references to the edict (*διάγραμμα*) authorizing it. According to Diod. Sic. i. 79, execution on the person of a debtor was abolished in Egypt by Bocchoris in the eighth century; but it was re-introduced under the Ptolemies and, as we now know, quite early in their regime; cf. P. Petrie II. 21 (d). 15. Wenger's inference from P. Amh. 43. 12 sqq. (B.C. 173), ἡ πρᾶξις ἔστω . . . πράσσοντι κατὰ τὸ διάγραμμα καὶ τοὺς νόμους, that the date of the *διάγραμμα* was probably not far removed from that of the Amherst

papyrus (*Archiv*, II. 53), thus proves to be mistaken. Personal execution being a common institution in the Greek world (Mitteis, *Reichsrecht u. Volksrecht*, p. 446), its reappearance in Egypt is likely enough to have followed close upon the establishment of the Ptolemaic dynasty.

The papyrus is a good deal broken, and the ink in the lower lines of the first fragment is very faint and blurred. The frequent corrections show that this document, like 73, is only a rough draft. The writing (which is across the fibres) gradually becomes more cursive as it proceeds.

Frs. (a) and (b).

- 1 [Βασιλεῖ Πτολε]μαίωι χαίρειν. Ἀντίγονος ἀδικοῦμαι ὑπὸ Πάτρωνος τοῦ
[φυλα]κίτε[ύ]οντος τὴν κάτω τοπαρχίαν. ἐμοῦ γὰρ ἀπαγα-
τ[ο]ῦ δ (ἐτους) μηνός
- 2 [γόντος Καλλίδρο]μον Καλλικράτους Κυρηναῖον τῆς ἐπιγονῆς ἐ[ἰς τὸ] ἐν
Μεχίρ κε
Σινά[ρ]υ δεσμωτήριον κατὰ πρόσταγμα Δωρίωνος τοῦ ἐπισ-
- 3 [τάτου] ἐν ᾧ ἐγέγραπτο ἐπαναγκάσαι τὸν Καλλίδρομον ἢ τὸ
ὑ[π]οζύγ[ο]ν ἀποδοῦναι τῷ κυρίῳ ἢ τιμὴν τοῦ ὄνου (δραχμὰς) κ
] δὲ
- 4 [. Πάτρων] οὐθένα λόγον ποιησάμενος τ[ό]ν τε Καλλ[ί]δρομον
[.]
ἐξήγαγεν ἐκ τοῦ ἐ[ν] Σινά[ρ]υ δεσμωτ[η]ρίου ὥστε . . δ[. . .]
ἀλλὰ ἀδικον βίαν ἐ γ γ [.]
- 5 [. Καλ]λ[ί]δρόμου ρα . λ[ε] τ [20 letters]
.. ἐπαναγκάσαι τὸ ὑποζύγιον
.. νῶι ὑπενδιδόν τούτ . . τ . . τ . ν[.]
- 6
]νου καὶ τὸ διασ α . [.] ποσο [.] ἡ προσ
[.] ο[ν] [.] ἐσθ[.] [.] [.] [.] [.]
- 7 προστάξει γρ[ά]ψαι Ξενοκράτη γ^γ τῷ πράκτορι τῶν ιδιωτικῶν ἐπειδὴ Πάτρων
παρὰ τὰ διαγράμματα
- 8 ἐξήγαγε τὸν ἀνθρωπον ἐκ τοῦ δεσμωτηρίου ἵνα μὴ ἡ πράξις ^{συντελεσ-} [γενηθῇ
θῇ
ἐκ του σωματος] πράξαι α[ὐ]τὸν
] γὺν ἀποδοῦναι ἵνα μὴ
- 9]] τοῦτο τὸ ἀργύριον τ[ρ]ι[π]λοῦν κατὰ τὸ
α^α
διάγραμμα [α]λλα δια . . [
- 10] ἐξῶ [ανεν] ἀνευ ἡμῶν τὸν Πάτρωνα
ἐξαγγοχότα τὸν [ἀνθρωπον]

- 11 τὸ ἀρ]γύριον κατὰ τὸ διάγραμμα ἵνα [[δια
σε βασιλευ]] διὰ σὲ βασιλεῦ τοῦ δ[ικαίου τύχω.
12] γράψαντος ἄλλην ἐπιστολὴν τοῦ δ
(ἐτους) Φαρμουῦθι ιβ εἴπ[
traces of 1 line.

- Fr. (c). Fr. (d).
14] . αι ἐπαναγκασ[17] αι αυ[
] τον και τ[] α βαφάνια ἐὰν . [
] . μὴ κομισα[] τρόπον ἡδυνάμην τὰ του[
Fr. (e).
20] . γ[
δε]σμων[τηρι

10. First α of ἐξαγηγοχστα corr. from η.

11. 1-4. 'To King Ptolemy, greeting. I, Antigonos, am unjustly treated by Patron the phylacites of the lower toparchy. For when I had removed Callidromus son of Callicrates, a Cyrenean of the Epigone, in Mecheir 25 of the 4th year to the prison at Sinaru in accordance with an order of Dorion the epistates, wherein it was written that I should either compel Callidromus to restore the donkey to its owner or else its value, 20 drachmae, Patron paying no heed to this released Callidromus from the prison at Sinaru . . .'

1. χαίρειν. Ἀντίγονος κ.τ.λ.: we prefer this method of punctuation, which has been adopted by the editors of the Magdola papyri, to that still supported by Wilcken (*Archiv*, III. p. 308) according to which the full stop is placed after the name of the petitioner. The formula gains nothing in respectfulness by the mere transposition of χαίρειν and the name, but it does distinctly so gain if the name is kept out of the salutation altogether. Cf. 35. 1-2, where the punctuation after χαίρειν is indicated by the division of the lines, and the new Magdola papyrus in *Mélanges Nicole*, pp. 281 sqq., with the editors' note.

[φυλα]κτε[ύ]οντος: in 73. 10 Patron is called the ἀρχιφυλακίτης of the lower toparchy. At this period therefore the ἀρχιφυλακίτης might be much more than a mere village official, which he sometimes certainly was in the second century B.C.; cf. P. Tebt. 43. 9. He was, however, subordinate to the ἐπιστάτης (φυλακιδῶν), as 73. 19 shows. If ἀρχιφυλακίτης is to be restored in P. Petrie III. 130 ἐπιστάτης φυλακιδῶν καὶ ἀρχι[, the two offices were sometimes combined in one person. The note on P. Tebt. 5. 159 requires modification in the light of the new evidence.

2. Σινά[ρ]υ: the reference to Τακόνα in 73. 14 as well as to the lower toparchy (cf. e.g. 52. 4) proves that this is the Oxyrhynchite Sinaru (P. Oxy. 373, &c.) rather than the Heracleopolite (p. 8).

4. ἐξήγαγεν is supplied from l. 10 and 73. 11. If ὥστε is right the line may have continued μὴ δύνασθαι, as in 73. 12.

5. The latter part of this line is puzzling; Ἀσπένδιον does not seem admissible. The interlinear insertion may have been something like ἄδικον βίαν αἴτιον εἶναι τοῦ μὴ πρότερόν με δύνασθαι αὐτὸν ἐπαναγκάσαι τὸ ὑποζύγιον ἀποδοῦναι (cf. 73. 18-9); but the papyrus is here so much damaged that verification of the reading is hardly possible.

6 sqq. The position of this fragment in relation to that preceding is unknown, but the gap between them is unlikely to be large. If the fragment be so placed that the lacuna at the beginning of ll. 6-9 coincides with that in ll. 1-4, the loss at the ends would amount to about 20 letters.

7. πράκτορι τῶν ἰδιωτικῶν: this is the first occurrence of this title which is a natural antithesis to the πράκτωρ δ' ἐπὶ τῶν βασιλικῶν προσόδων τεταγμένος in P. Petrie II. 22. 15. The relation of the πράκτωρ ἰδιωτικῶν to the πράκτωρ ξενικῶν, who is also found in the third century B.C. (ξενικὸς πράκτωρ, P. Magd. 41. 5), remains doubtful. The πράκτωρ ξενικῶν certainly collected private debts, but he may have been distinguished from the πράκτωρ ἰδιωτικῶν by dealing with a special class of debtors; cf. P. Tebt. 5. 221, note. His peculiar functions, however, have not yet been clearly ascertained.

Above τ of τῶι is what appears to be a large γ, to which we can attach no meaning.

8-10. This passage apparently implies that according to the provisions of the διάγραμμα a person who prevented or obstructed an execution was liable for three times the amount of the debt. At the beginning of l. 10 ἀποδ[ε]ῖξω might possibly be read.

9. The letters added above ἀλλα are coarsely written and imperfectly preserved. They are not more intelligible than the γ above l. 7.

12 sqq. There are clear indications of another line where the papyrus breaks off below l. 12, and the similarity of handwriting and phraseology (ἐπαναγκασ[; cf. l. 3) strongly suggests that Frs. (c) and (e) belong to the lower part of the petition. But Fr. (c) must be placed below l. 12, for there is a selis between ll. 15 and 16, which does not occur in Frs. (a) and (b). Whether Fr. (d), containing ll. 17-9, also belongs to 34 is more doubtful. ραφάνια seems irrelevant, but we are ignorant of the context and the hand is extremely similar. Line 19 was the last of the document.

35. PETITION OF HIERODULI.

Mummy A.

11.5 x 8.6 cm.

About B.C. 250.

This papyrus contains on the recto the beginning of a petition addressed to Sonnophris, no doubt an official, by the ἱερόδουλοι of a temple of Thoëris, reminding him of the protection which he had previously afforded them in connexion with the collection of the temple revenues, and apparently complaining of the conduct of a comarch; but the papyrus breaks off before the point of the letter is reached. On the verso is a partly effaced document in 7 lines

written in a large, thick cursive hand of an early type. The petition is to be assigned to the latter part of the reign of Philadelphus.

Σοννώφρει χαίρ[ειν.]
 Πετοσίρις Ποκωῦτος καὶ Ὀννώ-
 φρις Πετήσιος ἱερόδουλοι Θυή-
 ριος μεγάλης καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ
 5 ἱερόδουλοι διατελο[ύ]μεν
 τοὺς φόρους εὐτακτοῦντες
 εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν διὰ τὴν παρ' ὑμῶν
 σκέ[π]ην, καὶ νῦν καὶ ἐν τοῖς
 ἔμπροσθε χρόνοις ὑπὸ ὑ-
 10 [μῶ]ν σκεπαζόμε[θ]α.
 ἐπεὶ Πετοσίρις ὁ κωμαρχῶν
 [11 letters]αν πάντα

‘To Sonnophris, greeting. We, Petosiris son of Pokoüs, Onnophris son of Petesis, hieroduli of the great Thoëris, and the rest of the hieroduli, have long administered with regularity the revenues of the temple on account of your protection, and now as in former times we are protected by you. Whereas Petosiris the comarch . . .’

1-2. For the punctuation adopted cf. 34. 1, note. We have found no other instance of the occurrence of the name Σοννώφρις, and the initial letter is not quite certain, the middle part having disappeared. The ink representing the two ends of the supposed Σ might perhaps be regarded as accidental, but if so l. 1 was begun further to the right than the lines following.

3. Θυήριος : perhaps the temple of Thoëris at Oxyrhynchus, known from P. Oxy. 43, verso iv. 13, is meant.

5-6. That the ἱερόδουλοι were particularly concerned with collecting the revenues of the temples is a new fact. Very little is known about their position ; the title ἱερόδουλος is applied to the Twins at the Serapeum, and in P. Tebt. 6. 25 the ἱερόδουλοι are distinguished from the κατὰ μέρος ἔθνη of the regular priests, from which passage Otto (*Priester und Tempel*, i. p. 118¹) infers that the word was applied to the lower branches in general of the priesthood.

36. NOTICE OF LOSS.

Mummy A 15.

14 × 10.2 cm.

B.C. 229 (228).

A notice of the loss of a sheep, addressed in duplicate to Harmiusis the φυλακίτης of Talaë in the 19th year of, probably, Euergetes. Cf. 144, a fragment of another notice addressed to Harmiusis, 37, which is also

in duplicate, and P. Petrie II. p. 33 (= III. p. x). The text, written in a large rude semi-uncial, is on the verso; the recto has a few traces of obliterated writing.

(Ἔτους) ιθ Θωὺτ β. προσαγγέλλει
 λει Ἀρμιύσι φυλακίτηι
 Ταλέους Σάτοκος ἀπο-
 λωλεκέναι ἐκ τῆς αὐλῆς
 5 νυκτὸς πρόβατον θῆλυ
 δασὺ Ἀράβιον ἄξιον (δραχμῶν) η.

(ἔτους) ιθ Θωὺτ β. προσαγγέλλει
 Ἀρμιύσι φυλακίτηι Τάλη
 Σάτοκος ἀπολωλεκέναι
 10 ἐκ τῆς αὐλῆς νυκτὸς
 πρόβατον θῆλυ Ἀράβιον
 δασὺ ἄξιον (δραχμῶν) η.

‘The 19th year, Thoth 2. Satokos announces to Harmiusis, the guard of Talaë, that he has lost from the pen at night an unshorn ewe of Arabian breed, worth 8 drachmae.’

3. Ταλέους: for this form of the genitive cf. 37. 4. The genitive Ταλέους occurs in 157 and Τάλη in l. 8, 144, and again in Roman times (p. 8), and the dative Τάληι (?) in 117. 8, while Ταλάη is the form used in the more correctly written papyri 106-7 and 136-142. The accusative Ταλάην and dative Ταλάηι are found in 75. 1 and 5. This village, which was in the Κωίτης τόπος, is to be distinguished from Ταλαῶ (55. 2) in the Oxyrhynchite nome.

6. δασύ: cf. ψιλόν and ἡμίκουρον in 32. 12-6.

37. NOTICE OF LOSS.

Mummy A (probably A 9).

11.6 x 10 cm.

B.C. 235 (234).

Notification to the φυλακίτης of Talaë of the loss of two goats; cf. the preceding papyrus. The hand is of a similar type to that of 36, and is probably to be referred to the reign of Euergetes, but the year is very uncertain.

(Ἔτους) [ι]β [μηνὸς Φαρμο]ῖθ[ι η.
 προσα[γ]γέλλει Στράτιος Στράτω-

νος Θραῖξ τῆς ἐπιγονῆς Πτολε-
 μαίω φυλακίτη κώμης Ταλέου[ς]
 5 ἀπολωλεκάναι νυκτὸς ἐν τῷ
 Ἑρακ[λε]ίτου κλήρῳ αἵγας δασεῖ-
 ς δύο ἔρσενα καὶ θέλεαν ὦν τρι-
 μῇ δρα[α]χμαὶ τέτταρες.

(ἔτους) ιβ' μ[η]νὸς Φαρμοῦθι η. προσ-
 10 αγγέ[λλε]ι Στράτιος Στράτωνος
 Θραῖξ τῆς ἐπιγονῆς Πτολεμαί-
 ωι φ[υ]λακίτη κώμης Ταλέ-
 [ους] ἀπολωλεκέναι νυκτὸς
 [ἐν τῷ] Ἑρακλείτου κλήρῳ
 15 [αἵγας] δασεῖς δύο ἔρσενα
 καὶ θήλεαν ὦν τιμὴ δραχμαὶ
 τέτταρες.

5. 1. ἀπολωλεκένοι.

7. 1. θήλειαν.

‘The 12th year, the 8th of the month Pharmouthi. Stratius son of Straton, Thracian of the Epigone, announces to Ptolemaeus, guard of the village of Talaë, that he has lost at night-time in the holding of Heraclitus two thick-haired goats, a male and a female, worth 4 drachmae.’

4. Ταλέου[ς]: cf. 36. 3, note.

38. DECLARATION ON OATH.

Mummy A.

25.6 × 21.6 cm.

B.C. 252-1 (251-0).

A declaration on oath concerning a shipwreck, probably made by the captain of one of the government transports; cf. P. Magd. 11 (of which P. Magd. 37 is the beginning), a petition to the king by a ναύκληρος of one of these boats, who had been delayed by a storm off Aphroditopolis (Atfih), near the scene of the disaster which is the subject of 38.

Below the oath are 5 more lines, and 9 or 10 narrow lines have been added in the right-hand margin, which are too incomplete for continuous decipherment,

but conclude with the date, the 34th year (of Philadelphus). The writing is extremely cursive.

[15 letters] αποδω[
 τηριον[.] . [.] . [.] ενην ήξιωσ[.] .
 αυτον συγ(γ)ράψαι αυτ[.] . ενιτ[.] . μω . . α
 ανέλαβέν με και συνκαταπλέω τούτοις
 5 [ε]ως του πόρου του κατα τον ὄρμον τον
 Ἀφροδιτοπολίτην, άνέμου δέ γενομένου
 και των συρίων υπέρ την σκηνη[ν] ούσων
 συνέβη κλείναι τον δεξιόν τοίχον του
 πλοίου και καταδύναι τὸ πλοῖον δια
 10 [τ]ούτο.
 ὀμνύω δέ βασιλέα Πτολεμαῖον και
 Ἀρσινόην Φιλ[ι]άδελφον θε[ο]υς Ἀδελφους
 και θεους Σωτήρας τους τούτ[ω]ν
 γον[ε]ῖς εἶναι τὰ προγεγραμμένα
 15 ἄλλ[η]θῆ.

‘. . and I sailed down with them as far as the channel by the harbour of Aphroditopolis; but a wind having arisen and the Syrian cloths being above the cabin, it came about that the right side of the ship listed and the ship thereby sank. And I swear by king Ptolemy and Arsinoë Philadelphus, gods Adelphi, and by the gods Soteres their parents, that the aforesaid statements are correct.’

5. τον ὄρμον τον Ἀφροδιτοπολίτην: the site of Aphroditopolis is only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Nile, and its port does not seem to have borne a separate name of its own. P. Magd. 37. 1 has γενομένου χειμῶνος [? περι]ξ Ἀφροδίτης πόλ[εως]. The ὄρμος του Ἀρσινοίτου mentioned in l. 4 of that papyrus is probably, as the editors remark, Ptolemais ὄρμον.

7. συρίων: cf. 51. 3, note. Apparently they were piled up on deck above the level of the cabin.

13. The gods Soteres are also mentioned in another βασιλικὸς ὄρκος written in the 34th year (unpublished), of which only the ends of lines are preserved; but they are omitted (apparently) in P. Petrie III. 56 (a). 4 (16th–27th years) and 56 (b). 7 (after the 26th year). In 56 (a). 3, where the editor restores (ὀμνύει) βασιλέα Πτολεμαῖον και τον νῆον Πτολεμαῖον, we should prefer βασιλέα Πτολεμαῖον preceded either by a title of the person taking the oath or by a name in the dative; cf. 56 (b). 5. The deification of Soter and Berenice took place in the earlier part of Philadelphus’ reign, but the year is not known. Otto (*Priester und Tempel*, i. pp. 143–6) places it between the 7th and 15th years.

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39. LETTER OF XANTHUS TO EUPHRANOR.

Mummy 5.

17.8 x 8 cm.

B.C. 265 (264).

A letter authorizing the embarkation upon a government transport of a quantity of corn, which was due from certain κλήροι. Xanthus and Euphranor, the two principals here concerned, recur in 100 and the latter also in 101, and on the analogy of those two documents the corn which is the subject of the present order is no doubt to be explained as rent. It is evident that the government frequently resumed possession of land which had been granted to military settlers, after whose names it nevertheless continued to be called; cf. 81 and 52. 26, note. The official status of Xanthus and Euphranor is not given, but they must both have been connected with the State granaries. The corn was apparently delivered in the first instance to Euphranor and was forwarded by him to Xanthus, who was of superior rank and probably occupied a position similar to that of Semnus in 101. As that document is the latest of the series it is even possible that Semnus was Xanthus' successor. The mention of the village of Peroë in 84 (a). 7 indicates that the district both here and in 100-1, which came from the same mummy as 84 (a), was the Κωίτης.

Ξάνθος Εὐφράνורי
χαίρειν. σύνταξον
μετρῆσαι διὰ Κιλλέ-
[ο]υς Ὀρωι εἰς κοντω-
5 [τὸ]ν βασιλικὸν ἐφ' οὗ ναύκληρος
καὶ κυβερνήτης αὐ-
τὸς Ὀρος τὸν ἐπιτε-
ταγμένον σῆτον
[τ]ῶι Ἀλεξάνδρου
10 καὶ Βρομένου κλήροι

καὶ Νικοστράτου καὶ
Παυσανίου, σύμβολον
[δ]ὲ ὑμῖν γραψάσθω
[Κ]ιλλῆς ἣ ὁ ναύκληρος
15 [κ]αὶ δεῖγμα σφραγισάσ-
[θ]ω, καὶ ἡμ[ί]ν ἀνενέγκατε.
ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) κα
Θωὺθ ι.

On the verso
Εὐφράνורי.

5. βασιλικον above the line.

'Xanthus to Euphranor, greeting. Give orders for the delivery through Killes to Horus on the State barge, of which the master and pilot is the said Horus, of the corn levied upon the holding of Alexander and Bromenus and Nicostratus and Pausanias; and let Killes or the ship-master write you a receipt and seal a sample, and bring them to me. Good-bye. The 21st year, Thoth 1. (Addressed) To Euphranor.'

3. Killes was perhaps *παρὰ τῶν βασιλικῶν γραμματέων*, like Nechthembes in 98. 10.

4. *κοντω[τό]ν*: cf. Diod. xix. 12 *πλοῖον κοντωτόν*.

15. Cf. 98. 12. The object was of course to prevent the corn from being tampered with during its transit.

40. LETTER OF POLEMON TO HARIMOUTHES.

Mummy 13.

32.7 × 11 cm.

B.C. 261 (260).

This letter is one of a group (40-4) addressed to Harimouthes, who in 44. 9-10 is called the toparch of the lower toparchy (i. e. of the Oxyrhynchite nome), while in 85. 10, written like 40-3 several years earlier than 44, he is described as nomarch. Unless we are to assume that one of these descriptions is incorrect, or that the Harimouthes in 85 is a different person, it must be concluded either that Harimouthes combined the two offices of nomarch and toparch, or, what is the more natural inference, that he was first one and then the other, which suggests that the office of toparch was the superior. In Rev. Laws, however, the nomarch is regularly given precedence (cf. e. g. xxxvii. 3), though the passage in xli. 16-7 *τῷ προεστηκότι τοῦ νομοῦ νομάρχῃ ἢ τοπάρχῃ* suggests that their functions differed little. Cf. note on P. Tebt. 61 (b). 46. The present letter and 41 are both from Polemon, whose position is not stated but was apparently above that of Harimouthes. He here writes somewhat obscurely about the sale of some barley.

The correspondence of Harimouthes, as is shown by 44. 9 and 85. 3, belongs to the latter part of the reign of Philadelphus.

Πολέμων Ἀριμούθῃ
χαίρειν. περὶ τῶν
συμβόλων γεγράφαμεν
Κρίτῳ καὶ Καλλικλεῖ
5 ἵνα γένηται ὡς ἐπέ-
σταλκας. ἐπίστασο
μέντον ἀκριβῶς

δραχμὴν μίαν οὐθείς
σοι μὴ πληρ(ώσ)ῃ καὶ γὰρ
οἱ παρὰ Κερκίωνος
ἔχουσιν ἤδη ἐμ παρα-
15 γραφῇ ἐκ τοῦ λογι-
στηρίου.
ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) κδ' Ἐπήφ κα.

ὅτι τῆς κριθῆς
 ἥς συγγέγραψαι
 10 τιμῆς δώσειν

On the verso
 Ἄριμούθῃ.

7. 1. μέντοι.

‘Polemon to Harimouthes, greeting. I have written to Criton and Callicles about the receipts, to have your requests carried out. But you must clearly understand that for the barley no one will pay so much as 1 drachma, at which price you have agreed to supply it; for the agents of Kerkion have now obtained (a lower price?) in a memorandum from the audit office. Good-bye. The 24th year, Epeiph 21. (Addressed) To Harimouthes.’

4. Καλλικλεῖ: probably the writer of 42-3.

12. μὴ πληρῆ for μὴ πληρώσει is a doubtful and not very satisfactory reading; but μὴ is confirmed by the subjunctival termination of the verb, and μέντοι in l. 7 shows that the writer was capable of mistakes. μετρή cannot be read.

14-5. Harimouthes had been forestalled in some way by Kerkion's agents, but what exactly is implied by ἔχουσιν ἐμ παραγραφῇ is not clear. For παραγραφὴ cf. P. Tebt. 188 καὶ προσγείνε(ται) Ἀπολλωνίω . . . ἀπὸ παραγρα(φῆς) τοῦ Φαρμ(οῖθι) (τάλαντον) α. παραγράφειν is similarly used of entries in a list or account, e.g. P. Tebt. 5. 189, where τῶν παραγραφομένων probably means simply the sums ‘entered against’ the φυλακίται, without any reference, as we formerly supposed, to false returns on their part.

41. LETTER OF POLEMON TO HARIMOUTHES.

Mummy 13.

31.7 × 10.8 cm.

About B.C. 261.

Another letter to Harimouthes from Polemon, notifying him of the arrival of Mnason, a δοκιμαστής, who was to collect certain arrears and sell some oil. Harimouthes is directed to obtain security for Mnason to the value of 1000 drachmae, and to assist him in the performance of his duties. The nature of the arrears in question is not stated, but very likely they too were connected with the oil-monopoly, and it is evident that Mnason was personally responsible. In other papyri in this volume the δοκιμαστής is closely associated with the τραπεζίτης (cf. 106, introd.), but he appears here in a somewhat different capacity, though still in connexion with the royal bank (l. 25).

Πολέμων Ἀ[ριμο]ύθῃ χαί-
 ρειν. ἀπεστ[άλκ]αμεν πρὸς
 σὲ Μνάσωνα [τὸν] δοκιμασ-
 τὴν μετὰ φυ[λα]κῆς. διεγ-
 5 γνήσας οὖ[ν] αὐτὸν παρα-

15 εἰσαχθῆναι πάντα, καὶ
 ἡμῖν ἐπίστειλον ὅτι
 παρείληφας αὐτὸν παρὰ
 τῶν παρ' ἡμῶν μαχίμων
 καὶ ὅτι διεγγνήσεις αὐτὸν

μονῆς (δραχμῶν?) Ἄ ἄφ[ε]ς αὐτὸν 20 τῶν Ἄ (δραχμῶν), ἐπιμέλειαν δὲ
 εἰσαγαγεῖν τὰ ὀφειλή- ποίησαι ὅπως καὶ τὸ ὑπάρ-
 ματα κα[θ]ὰ σύγκειται χον ἔλαιον δι' αὐτοῦ ἥδη
 πρὸς ἡμᾶ[ς,] τὸ πρόστιμον. πραθῇ καὶ ἡ τιμὴ ἀνα-
 10 αὐτῶι συμβαλὼν παρὰ σαν- κομισθεῖσα πέσῃ ἐπὶ τὴν
 τοῦ οσοῦ . μ . ἐπιτρέψει 25 [βασιλικήν] τράπεζαν.
 ἀποβιάζεσθαι αὐτὸν καὶ
 σ[ε] .]μ . . , καὶ συνεπι- On the verso
 λαμβάνον αὐτῶι πρὸς τὸ Ἄ]ριμούθῃ.

'Polemon to Harimouthes, greeting. I have sent to you Mnason the controller under guard. Obtain security of 1000 drachmae for his remaining, and allow him to collect the arrears as agreed upon between us; and contribute the penalty out of your own funds. . . . Assist him also so that everything be collected, and send me word that you have received him from my soldiers and that you will obtain the security of 1000 drachmae for him; and be careful to see that the existing store of oil be now sold by him, and the price be collected and paid into the royal bank. . . (Addressed) To Harimouthes.'

4-5. διεγγήσας . . . παραμονῆς: cf. 92-3, which are specimens of contracts made with sureties for the appearance of accused persons. For μετὰ φυλακῆς cf. e.g. 59. 4.

6. ἄφ[ε]ς is somewhat short for the space.

9-10. The arrears apparently involved a penalty upon Mnason himself; the precautions taken against his absconding show that he was in difficulties.

11. The traces suggest οσοὺς μὴ or οσουδην; the apparent *v* prevents us from reading ὅπως μὴ, with which ἐπιτρέψει would have to be a middle future.

13. ἡμᾶς ε[might be read at the beginning of the line.

18. For μάχιμοι in attendance upon officials cf. P. Tebt. 113. 81, &c.

21 sqq. The καὶ perhaps indicates that the ὀφειλήματα had arisen in connexion with the oil-industry. According to the provisions of Rev. Laws xlvi, the manufactured oil was sold to the retail traders by the οἰκονόμος and ἀντιγραφεὺς, while the δοκιμαστής plays no part. But that ordinance had probably not yet been issued; and in any case the appearance of the δοκιμαστής here may be due to some special circumstances.

42. LETTER OF CALLICLES TO HARIMOUTHES.

Mummy 13.

19.8 x 8.1 cm.

B.C. 262 (261).

This letter and 43 were written to Harimouthes by Callicles, an official superior whose title is nowhere stated. The subject of the present, rather obscure, note is the delivery of some corn which was due from Harimouthes.

Καλλικλῆς Ἀριμούθῃ
 χαίρειν. τὸν σῖτον δν

ἔφης μεταβαλεῖσθαι]
 τοῖς παρὰ τῶν σιτολό-
 5 γων ὅσοι μὲν ἀνενηνό-
 χασι ἕως Φαῶφι λ παρα-
 δεξόμεθα, τὸν δὲ λοιπὸν
 ἔαμ μὴ μεταβάλλῃς
 ἕως Ἀθὺρ η δώσομεν
 10 Λευκίῳ ἐν ὀφειλήματι.
 ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) κδ
 Ἀθὺρ δ.

On the verso

2nd hand Ἀθὺρ δ, παρὰ Καλλι-
 κλέους περὶ τοῦ σίτου.

1st hand Ἀριμούθῃ.

5. ι of ἀνενηνοχασι corr. from α.

7. ν of τον above the line.

‘Callicles to Harimouthes, greeting. With regard to the corn which you said you would transfer to the agents of the sitologi, the amount which they have paid (?) up to Phaophi 30 we will accept; but the rest, if you do not transfer it before Athur 8, we shall give to Leucius as a debt. Good-bye. The 24th year, Athur 4. (Addressed) To Harimouthes. (Endorsed) Athur 4, from Callicrates concerning the corn.’

3. For μεταβάλλειν in connexion with corn cf. 45. 6.

43. LETTER OF CALLICLES TO HARIMOUTHES.

Mummy 13.

16.7 x 8.6 cm.

B.C. 261 (260).

A second letter from Callicles (cf. 42) to Harimouthes, asking for some sesame to be delivered at Pela for the manufacture of oil. As the Revenue Papyrus shows, the nomarchs and toparchs were among the officials responsible for the management of that industry, so that it is natural to find Harimouthes acting in this connexion; cf. 40, introd.

Καλλικλῆς Ἀριμούθῃ
 χαίρειν. σύνταξον μετρήσ[αι
 τὸ σήσαμον τὸ ἐμ Πέλαι
 Πρωτομάχῳ καὶ τῷ σιτολόγ[ῳ] οὐ γὰρ ἔστιν
 5 ἐν τῇ πόλει σήσαμον. ἵνα οὖν

μηθὲν ὑστερῇι τὰ ἐ[λ]αιουργῖα
φρόντισον ἵνα μὴ αἰτίας ἔχῃς
καὶ τοῦ[ς] ἐ[λ]αιουργοὺς ἀπόσ-
τειλὸν μοι.

10 ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) κδ 'Επεῖφ κ.

On the verso

2nd hand (ἔτους) κδ 'Επεῖφ κ, παρὰ

Καλλικλέους περὶ ση-

1st hand 'Αριμούθῃι.

σάμου ὥστε Πρωτομάχῳι.

4. καὶ τῷ σιτολόγῳι added above the line.

'Callicles to Harimouthes, greeting. Give orders for the sesame at Pela to be measured out to Protomachus and the sitologus, for there is no sesame at the city. Take care then that the oil-presses do not fall short, lest you be blamed; and send me the oil-makers. Good-bye. The 24th year, Epeiph 20. (Addressed) To Harimouthes. (Endorsed) The 24th year, Epeiph 20, from Callicles about sesame for Protomachus.'

5. τῇ πόλει: sc. Oxyrhynchus.

6-8. Cf. Rev. Laws xlv. 13 sqq. and, for the strictness of the rules regulating the movements of ἐλαιουργοί, *ibid.* xlv. 8 sqq.

44. LETTER OF DINON TO HARIMOUTHES.

Mummy 13.

12.4 × 33.3 cm.

B.C. 253 (252).

A letter to Harimouthes from an official named Dinon, giving urgent orders for the native soldiers in Harimouthes' district to be sent up under a captain, and also for the dispatch of some labourers for harvesting purposes. No reason is assigned for the movement of the soldiers, and its object cannot be guessed. The document is written in a fine hand across the fibres of the papyrus.

Δείνων 'Αριμούθῃι χαίρειν. ἐγράψαμέν σοι πρότερον περὶ τῶν μαχίμων
τῶν ὄντων ἐν τοῖς ὑπὸ σὲ τόποις ὅπως ἀποσταλῶσιν μετὰ Βιθελμείνιος
τοῦ ἡγε-

μόνος καθότι γράφει 'Απολλώνιος ὁ διοικητής, ὡσαύτως δὲ καὶ τοὺς ἐπι-
γεγραμ-

μένους θεριστὰς κατὰ τὴν δοθείσάν σοι γραφὴν, ὀρῶντες δέ σε καταραθυ-
μοῦντα

5 ὧιμην δεῖν καὶ νῦν ἐπιστείλαί σοι. ὥς ἂν οὖν λάβῃς τὴν ἐπιστολὴν
πάντα πάρεργα

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ποιησάμενος ἀπόστειλον πρὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς μαχίμους ἤδη, τοὺς δὲ θεριστὰς
ὥς ἂν
ἐτοίμους ποιήσης ἐπίστειλον ἡμῖν· οὐ γὰρ ὥς ἔτυχεν περὶ τούτων τὴν
σπουδὴν
ποιεῖται ὁ διοικητής. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λβ Μεχεῖρ ιγ.

On the verso

τοπάρχη (in demotic) Ἀριμούθη
10 τῆς κάτω Mecheir 14

In the reverse direction, above Ἀριμούθη,

2nd hand Μεχῖρ ιδ,
περὶ μαχίμων
καὶ θεριστῶν.

1. ν of των corr. from μ. 2. ει of βιθελμεινιος corr. from η. 3. σε was inserted
above και and again crossed out. 4. σε added above the line. 9. ι of τοπαρχη
corr. from ς.

‘Dinon to Harimouthes, greeting. I have written to you before concerning the native soldiers in the district under you, that they be sent with Bithelminis the captain in compliance with the letter of Apollonius the dioecetes, and similarly that the harvesters be sent who have been levied in accordance with the list given to you; but seeing that you are negligent I thought it my duty to send to you instructions again now. Therefore as soon as you receive this letter put everything else aside and send me the soldiers at once, and so soon as you can get the harvesters ready let me know; for the dioecetes is showing no ordinary anxiety with regard to this. Good-bye. The 32nd year, Mecheir 13. (Addressed) To Harimouthes, toparch of the lower toparchy. (Endorsed) Mecheir 14, concerning soldiers and harvesters.’

3. This is the same Apollonius who is mentioned in 95. 10, 110. 43 *al.*, P. Petrie II. 4 (3). 1, &c. The earliest date at which he is known to have held the office of dioecetes is the 27th year of Philadelphus (Rev. Laws xxxviii. 3; cf. P. Amh. II. 33. 28 and 37); the latest is supplied by the present document (32nd year, Mecheir 13).

ἐπιγεγραμμένους indicates compulsory labour; cf. 47. 12.

45. LETTER OF LEODAMAS TO LYSIMACHUS.

Mummy A 16.

12.7 × 7.5 cm.

B. C. 257 (256).

This and the following five documents (46–50) are all letters written by Leodamas, an official connected with the corn-revenues, probably in the Oxyrhynchite nome since the Oxyrhynchite village Septhta is mentioned in

45. 5. Four of the letters (45-8) are addressed to a subordinate called Lysimachus, who seems to have been specially concerned with the collection and transport of grain; and the correspondence, which covers the 28th to the 30th years of Philadelphus, consists chiefly of instructions on official matters. Leodamas was a careless writer, and mistakes are more frequent than usual at this period of comparatively correct Greek.

In 45 on reaching the bottom of the papyrus Leodamas turned it over and finished his letter on the verso; cf. 48.

Λεω[δάμ]α[s] Δ[ν]σιμ[ά]χῳι
 {Λυσιμαχῳι} χαίρειν.
 ὥς δ[ν] λάβητε τὴν ἐ[πι-
 [στολὴ]ν παραγίνεσθε
 5 [ἴν]α [τ]ὸν ἐν Σέφθαι σῖτον
 μεταβάλλ[ησ]θε πρὸ τοῦ
 το . . . το ἐμβαλεῖν,
 καὶ εἴ τι κερμάτιον
 λελογεύκατε φέρε-
 10 τε εὐθέως. καὶ τὰ
 λοιπὰ πειρᾶσθε
 συνάγειν καὶ μὴ
 ὑπολιμπάνεσθε,
 καὶ τὸν παρὰ Φίλωνος

15 σῖτον ὅπως μὴ θέν
 ὑπολείψεσθε ἐν αὐ-
 τῷ ἀλλὰ πάντα παρα-
 μετρήσασθε. καὶ ὅπως
 μὴ λογεύσετε παρευρέσ[ε]ι

On the verso

20 μὴ δεμίᾳ τὸ ἀρ. [ι]κόν
 καὶ ἵππιατρικόν, [ἀ]λλ' εἴ
 τι λελογεύκατε κατὰ-
 χωρίσατε εἰς τὸ χωμα-
 τικόν. [ἐρ]ρωσο.

25 (ἔτους) κη Χοῖ[α]χ.

Δν[σιμάχ]ῳι.

6. ὅν of του corr. from ὦν?

'Leodamas to Lysimachus, greeting. As soon as you receive this letter, come here in order to transfer the corn at Septha before lading . . . , and if you have collected any money bring it at once, and try to levy the rest, and do not leave any arrears; and take care that you do not leave the corn from Philon still owing from him, but secure payment of everything, and take care that on no pretext whatever you collect the . . . and horse-doctors-tax; but if you have collected anything credit it to the embankments-tax. Good-bye. The 28th year, Choiak. (Addressed) To Lysimachus.'

14. Φίλωνος: he is also mentioned in 47. 6 and 49. 10.

21. A tax for doctors at this period, called *ιατρικόν*, is known, e.g. from 102; but an impost for maintaining veterinary surgeons is new. The reading *ἵππιατρικόν* is nearly certain, but that of the first three letters of the tax which is coupled with it is very doubtful. ι or φ can be read in place of ρ.

23. *χωματικόν*: cf. 112. 13, note.

46. LETTER OF LEODAMAS TO LYSIMACHUS.

Mummy A 16.

13.1 x 6.2 cm.

B. C. 258 (257).

Another letter from Leodamas to Lysimachus on official matters; cf. 45, introd.

Λεωδάμας Λυσί-
μάχῳ χαίρειν.
ὅ τι ἂν πρῶτον λο-
γέουσῃς δὸς Κράτη-
5 τι τὸ λοιπὸν τοῦ ν[αύ-
λου (δραχμᾶς) οὐ ὑπολογή-
σας (δραχμᾶς) δ, καὶ σύμβο-
λον ποιῆσαι ἀπέ-
χοντα αὐτὸν τὰς
10 οὐ πλήρεις. καὶ
τοὺς λοιποὺς οὐκ εἰς-

πράσσεις ἀλλὰ ῥα-
θυμᾶιτε. ἔδει δὲ
πάλαι τὰ ἐνέχου-
15 ρα αὐτῶν ὧδε εἶναι
καὶ πεπράσθαι. ἔτι οὖν
καὶ νῦν ἢ τὸ ἀργύριον
εἰσάγετε ἢ τὰ ἐνέχου-
ρα αὐτῶν ἀποστέλ-
20 λετε ὅπως πραθῇ.
ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) κη Παῶπι κ.
A line erased.

On the verso

Λυσιμάχῳ.

11. σὺ εἰσπρασεις corr. from εἶσ.

12. 1. ῥαθυμείτε.

'Leodamas to Lysimachus, greeting. As soon as ever you collect anything, pay Crates the rest of the freight charges, 75 drachmae, subtracting 4 drachmae; and get a receipt stating that he has received the 75 drachmae in full. You do not exact payment from the others, but are neglectful. Their securities ought to have been here long ago and sold; now therefore at length either collect the money or send their securities to be sold. Good-bye. The 28th year, Phaophi 20. (Addressed) To Lysimachus.'

47. LETTER OF LEODAMAS TO LYSIMACHUS.

Mummy A 16.

22.6 x 7.3 cm.

B. C. 256 (255).

Another letter to Lysimachus from Leodamas, giving him various directions concerning his official duties. The letter is written with more than usual carelessness, syllables and even whole words being sometimes omitted, and the

damaged surface of the papyrus renders several passages very difficult to decipher.

- Λεωδάμας Λυσιμά-
 χωι χαίρειν. Δημητρί-
 ου τοῦ τοῦ Παρμενίω-
 νος υἱοῦ σύνταξον τοῖς
 5 καρποὺς πάντας συνε-
 χές, ὡσαύτως δὲ καὶ τῶν
 ἄλλων τῶν [.].τ[.]εκαί[.] . . .
 συντέτακται γὰρ ἤδη
 ἕως τοῦ Πανήμου μηνός;
 10 ὡσαύτως δὲ καὶ τῶν λοι-
 πῶν ἕως τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ,
 θερίζειν δὲ καὶ ἀμᾶν
 καὶ λεπταγίοις νηταῖς .
 . [.]αν οἷς καθήκας. εἰ δέ
 15 τις πυρὸς πα[ρ]έστηκεν κα-
 θαρὸς παρ' [ὧ]τινιοῦν ἀπο-
 [δ]οῦ ἵνα τιμήν[.] . ρ . [.] .
 σωμεν τῶν γινομένων
 τῶν ἐπανάγκων, τῶν
 20 δὲ λοιπῶν μ[.] .] . ἀχρον,
 χρεῖα γὰρ ἐστὶν μα . . . ικού.
 καὶ ὄλυραν δὲ κ[αὶ] κρ[ι]θὴν
 ἐτοίμαζε ἵνα [παραμ]ετρή-
 σωμεν εἰς τὸ βασιλικόν.
 25 καὶ τοὺς μόσχους τοὺς πα-
 ρὰ Φίλωνος τοῦ Λυσανίου καὶ
 τὸν παρὰ Φίλωνος καὶ Σπο-
 κέους εἰ μὲν ἀπέσ[ταλ]κας εἰς
 Δικωμίαν, εἰ δὲ μὴ ἀπόσ-
 30 τεῖλον τ . . . ν ἤδη ἵνα
 ἀποδοθῶσιν Λυκομήδῃ,
 οὕτω γὰρ συντέταχεν.
 καὶ τὴν ἐπιστολὴν ἀπό-
 στείλον Δημητρίω[ι]
 35 ἐν τάχει ἵνα μὴ παῖς
 ἀποσταλῇ. ἔρρασο.
 (ἔτους) κθ Μεχεῖρ κ.

On the verso

Λυσιμάχω[ι].

12. ζ of θερίζειν corr.
 λοιπῶν corr. from ι or ρ.

15. τ of πα[ρ]έστηκεν above θ (?) erased.

20. ω of

'Leodamas to Lysimachus, greeting. Give instructions to (collect?) the crops of the son of Parmenion unremittingly, and likewise those of the others . . . since instructions have already been given to do so by the month of Panemus, and likewise those of the rest up to the full number, and to mow and reap them and . . . If there is any sifted wheat to hand with any one, sell it in order that we may pay over the value of the necessary dues, but . . . the rest, for it is wanted . . . ; and prepare both olyra and barley in order that we may measure it to the State. With regard to the calves from Philon son of Lysanias and the calf from Philon and Spokes, if you have sent them to Dicomia (it is well); but if not send them at once that they may be delivered to Lycomedes, for those are his instructions. And send the letter to Demetrius immediately in order that a slave may not be sent. Good-bye. The 29th year, Mecheir 20. (Addressed) To Lysimachus.'

4. It is not clear whether *σύνταξον* governs *καρπούς* or an infinitive is to be supplied. On the former hypothesis *σύνταξον* might mean 'assess,' a sense which would suit this context but is rare, and, in view of both the other instances of *συντάσσειν* in ll. 8 and 32, where the ordinary meaning 'instruct' is appropriate, and the frequency of *σύνταξον* followed by an infinitive (e.g. 39. 2), decidedly difficult, especially as the infinitives in l. 12 seem to depend on *σύνταξον*. It seems preferable, therefore, to supply an infinitive meaning 'collect' or 'assess'; cf. the omission in l. 29.

9. Panemus corresponded approximately to Pauni at this period; cf. App. i. The action which Lysimachus was told to perform had to be carried out before the end of the harvest.

13. *λεπταγίους* seems to be equivalent to *λεπτογείους*, meaning 'barren land.' The beginning of the next word suggests only *ῥυς*, 'plough-share,' but the third letter is certainly *τ*, and probably *σ* has been omitted and the word is some form of *συντάσσειν*.]*αν* in l. 14 is the termination of an infinitive, perhaps *ἄμην* (cf. l. 12), but the first letter could be almost anything.

17. The verb following *τιμήν* very likely began with *παρα*, possibly *παρα[στ]ή[σ]ωμεν*.

20.]*αχρον* is probably the termination of an imperative following *μή*; but the form seems to be erroneous.

23. [*παραμ*]ετρήσωμεν: cf. 45. 17 παραμετρήσασθε.

29. *Δικωμίαν*: this village (cf. *Τρικωμία* in the Arsinoite nome) is not otherwise known. Leodamas has omitted the apodosis to *εἰ μὲν . . . Δικωμίαν, αποστ|τ . . .* must be meant for *ἐπύστελλον*, but it is difficult to reconcile the vestiges of the termination with *ειλον*. Perhaps Leodamas made a mistake and wrote *αποστ τεilon*.

35. *παῖς*: or *Πάις*; cf. 112. 57, P. Petrie III. 65 (a). 1.

36. Possibly *ἀποσταλῆ[ι]*, but Leodamas generally omits *ι* adscript with subjunctives, e.g. 46. 4 and 20.

48. LETTER OF LEODAMAS TO LYSIMACHUS.

Mummy A (probably 16).

11.5 × 7.1 cm.

B.C. 255 (254).

Another letter from Leodamas to Lysimachus, asking for information with regard to advances of seed-corn. After concluding the letter with the customary salutation and date, Leodamas changed his mind and erased them, continuing the letter on the verso; cf. 45. The writing on the recto is across the fibres.

Λεωδάμα[ς] Λυσι[μ]άχῳ
 χαίρειν. τὰ σπέρμα-
 τα τῶν διηγγυημέ-
 νων κλήρων τίνι γρά-
 5 ψ[α]ς ἔδωκας; οὐ γὰρ
 εὕρισκω ἐν τοῖς βυ-
 βλίοις. πάλιν οὖν γρά-

ψας αὐτῶν τῶν σπερ-
 μάτων ἀπόστειλόν
 10 μοι ἤδη, καὶ δὸς τῷ
 παρ' Ἀντιπάτρου, ἐὰν
 δὲ μὴ καταλαμβάνῃς
 ἄλλῳι δὸς ἵνα μὴ ἐπι-
 κωλύωμαι τὸν λόγον
 15 συνθεῖναι. [[εἰρώσο (εἶτους) λ]]
 [[Μεσορ(η) κη]]

On the verso

καὶ ὡσαύτως μετρη-
 4 obliterated lines.
 22 ἐρρωσ[ο.] (εἶτους) λ Μεσορ(η) κη.

8. 1. τὰ σπέρματα.

12. 1. καταλαμβάνης.

‘Leodamas to Lysimachus, greeting. To whom did you give in writing the seed for the holdings which have been taken in pledge? I cannot find the entry in the books. Write another list, therefore, of the seed issued for them and send it to me at once; and give it to the agent of Antipater or, if you cannot catch him, to some one else, that I may not be prevented from making up my account. Likewise measure . . . Good-bye. The 30th year, Mesore 28.’

3. διηγνημένων κλήρων: for an example of a deed placing a κλήρος in pledge cf. Wilcken, *Aktenstücke*, no. 11.

49. LETTER OF LEODAMAS TO LAOMEDON.

Mummy A 16.

11·2 × 8·6 cm.

About B.C. 257.

A short letter fromLeodamas to Laomedon, another of his subordinates, giving him directions about the transport of corn and olives. The reference to the latter is interesting, since olives are not mentioned either in Rev. Laws or in the Petrie papyri.

Λεωδάμας Λαομέδοντι [χαί-
 ρειν. πορεύητι οὐδ' ἂν ἀκού[σης]
 Λυσίμαχον καὶ ἐπισπούδασον ὅπως

ἀν ὁ σῖτος ἐμβληθῇ ὅτι τάχ[ι]σ[τα]
 5 καὶ συνκατάγαγε μεθ' αὐτοῦ.
 ἐ[ἰπ]ον δὲ αὐτῷ καθάπερ ἔγρα-
 ψα [α]ὐτῷ ὅπως ἀν ἐμβάληται
 τὰς ἐλαίας εἰς βίκους ἢ εἰς μῶια,
 καὶ πειρᾶσθε ὡς ἀκοπωτάτας
 10 καταγαγεῖν, καὶ παρὰ Φίλωνος
 τοῦ Λυσανίου ὑπόμνησον ὅπως ἀν
 λάβῃ τὰς ἐλαίας τὰς καλὰς
 καθάπερ αὐτῷ ἔγραψα.
 ἔρωσο.

On the verso

15 ἐ[ἰ]ς τ[ῆ]ν πόλιν

Λαομέδ[ον]τι

πα . . . [. . .

5. 1. μετ'.

8. ω of μῶια above the line.

'Leodamas to Laomedon, greeting. Go to whatever place you hear that Lysimachus is at, and take care that the corn is embarked as quickly as possible, and bring it down with him. Tell him that, as I wrote to him, he is to put the olives into jars or μῶια for embarkation, and try to bring them as unbroken as possible. Remind him that he is to receive from Philon son of Lysanias the fine olives, as I wrote to him. Good-bye. (Addressed) To Laomedon . . . , at the city.'

2. πορεύητι: the reading of the penultimate letter is very doubtful, but it is as much like τ as θ, which is the only likely alternative.

8. μῶια are receptacles of some kind, either boxes or jars; cf. P. Petrie III. 65 (δ). 6 and P. Grenf. I. 14. 13-16, βίκαι occurring both times in the same context, as here. From P. Grenf. I. 14 it appears that a small μῶιον could contain 6 πύξιναι, and that 2 μῶια of Parian marble could be inside a lamp-stand. μῶστια, which are mentioned in P. Grenf. I. 14. 5 immediately after a βίκος, seem to be allied to μῶια, which are also found in ostraca (e.g. Sayce, *Proc. Soc. Bibl. Arch.*, xxiii, p. 214) as a measure of ἄχυρον; cf. the μονεῖ(ον) in P. Oxy. 146. 3.

15. The πόλις is probably Oxyrhynchus; cf. 45, introd.

50. LETTER OF LEODAMAS TO THEODORUS.

Mummy A 16.

8.8 × 8 cm.

About B. C. 257.

A short letter fromLeodamas (cf. 45, introd.) to Theodorus, another official, giving him instructions about the delivery of olyra to Lysimachus. The date is probably the 28th or 29th year of Philadelphus.

[Λε]ω[δ]άμας Θεοδώρῳ
 [χαίρ]ειν. ἀνενηνόχαμεν εἰς τὸ
 βασιλικὸν ὄλυρ(ῶν) (ἀρτάβας) Ἀωλδβ'.
 σὺ [ο]ῦν ὑπολιπόμενος σαυτῶι
 5 ταύτην τὴν ὄλυραν τὴν
 λοιπὴν ἀπομέτρησον Λυσιμά-
 χῳ ἵνα . . . ἡτὰ[. . . .
 ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) κ[.

On the verso

Θεοδώρῳ.

2. νε of ἀνενηνόχαμεν above the line.

6. ω of λυσιμαχῳ corr. from ον.

'Leodamas to Theodorus, greeting. I have paid over (?) to the State 1834 $\frac{2}{3}$ artabae of olyra. Do you therefore leave this olyra for yourself and measure out the rest to Lysimachus, that it may be . . . Good-bye. The 2[.]th year . . . (Addressed) To Theodorus.'

51. LETTER OF DEMOPHON TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 9.

9.9 × 35 cm.

B. C. 245 (244).

The following twelve documents (51-62; cf. 167-8), which are dated in the closing years of the reign of Philadelphus or the first few years of his successor, are all addressed to Ptolemaeus, the holder of some minor post in the Oxyrhynchite nome. His title is not mentioned, but his sphere was a village (59. 11), where he apparently exercised the functions of an officer of police (59-62), and had also financial duties (51. 2-4, 58. 7). He was probably subordinate to the archi-phylacites (56, introd.), and may have been a phylacites. Whatever his position, he did not always fill it to the satisfaction of his superiors, and on more than one occasion he received a reprimand (56. 7-8, 59. 9-12).

In the present letter, as also in 52-3, the correspondent of Ptolemaeus is Demophon, who here sends instructions for the collection of dues upon green crops and for the purchase of 'Syrian cloths' (cf. note on l. 3), in accordance with an order, a copy of which is enclosed, from Apollodotus, a higher official.

Δημοφῶν Πτολεμαίῳ χαίρειν. ὑπογέγρα[απτα]ι τῆς παρ' Ἀπολλοδότου
 ἐλθο[ύ]σης μοι ἐπιστολῆς

περὶ τῆς λογείας τῶν χλωρῶν τάντίγραφ[ον. π]ράττε οὖν τοὺς [·.·] πρὸς
ἀργύριο[ν] ἡγορακότας

ἤδη καθάπερ γ[έ]γραπται, τὰς δὲ συρίας ἅς [έ]άν σοι παρὰθῶ[ν]ται [πρι]ά-
μενος λάμβανε ἀρεστὰς

τ[ι]μῶν τῶν ὑπογεγραμμένων. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) β Μεχὶρ ιβ.

5 Ἀπολλόδοτος Δημοφῶντι χαίρειν. πρὸς τῇ τῶν χλωρῶν λογείαι γί[ν]ου
ἤδη καὶ συρίας λάμβανε

ἐξ[αδρ]άχμους καὶ ἐπαλλαγῆς τοῦ ἡμίσεος τῶν δ (δραχμῶν) (ὀβολὸν) (ἡμιω-
βέλιον), τοσοῦτο γὰρ ἔκκειται ἐγ βασιλικοῦ. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) β
Μεχὶρ ιβ.

On the verso

Πτολεμαίωι.

2. 1. ἡγορακότας.

‘Demophon to Ptolemaeus, greeting. Appended is a copy of the letter which has come to me from Apollodotus about the collection of green-stuffs. Do you therefore exact payment now from the purchasers on the silver standard, in accordance with his instructions; and any Syrian cloths that may be deposited with you accept, if satisfactory, and buy at the prices below written. Good-bye. The 2nd year, Mecheir 12.

‘Apollodotus to Demophon, greeting. Take in hand now the collection of the green-stuffs, and accept Syrian cloths at 6 drachmae with an agio on half the sum at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ obols in 4 drachmae, for that is the rate published by the government. Good-bye. The 2nd year, Mecheir 12.

‘(Addressed) To Ptolemaeus.’

2. By the *λογεία τῶν χλωρῶν*, as the following sentence shows, is meant the collection of the value of the green crops, not the crops themselves. What these particular *χλωρά* were and who are signified by *τοὺς πρὸς ἀργύριον ἡγορακότας* is, however, obscure. The latter phrase rather suggests the farming of a tax, and seeing that 52-3, which are also letters from Demophon to Ptolemaeus, not improbably refer to the *ἐννόμιον*, that impost might be supposed to be also the subject here. Or the *χλωρά* may well be the produce of royal domains sown with this class of crops, the share of which accruing to the government as rent had been sold; cf. P. Tebt. 27. 54 sqq. *μηθένα τῶν γεωργούντων τὴν βασιλικὴν καὶ τὴν ἐν ἀφέσει [γῆν] ἐφάψεσθαι τῶν χλωρῶν πλὴν . . . τῶν ἐγδιωκτηθσομ[ένων] ὧν αἱ τειμαὶ καὶ τούτων αἱ ἀσφάλαιαι δο[θεῖσαι] κατατεθήσονται ἐπὶ [τῶν] τραπεζῶ[ν] πρὸς τὰ καθήκοντα εἰς τὸ βα[σιλικόν].* If *ἐγδιωκτηθσομένων* there means ‘to be collected’ as the analogy of other passages suggests, the expression would be very similar to *λογεία τῶν χλωρῶν* in 51.

3. *συρίας*: cf. Hesych. *συρία* ἡ παχία χλαῖνα, ἥτοι ἀπὸ τοῦ σισύρηνης, ἥ ὅτι ἐν Καππαδοκίᾳ γίνεται, οὔτοι δὲ Σύροι, and Pollux 7. 61 ἥν δὲ *συρίαν* οἱ πολλοί, ταύτην αὐτόποκον ἱμάτιον οἱ κωμικοί. Besides 38. 7 *συρίαί* are mentioned in a mutilated papyrus of about this period belonging to Dr. Mahaffy, Ἀκέστωρ δὲ ὁ οἰκονόμος [ὑπ]άρχειν *συρίας* προδοθῆναι ἐκάστωι εἰς []ν (δραχμ) ι. The *συρίαί* were apparently included among the fabrics monopolized by the government, the producers of such fabrics, as is shown by 67-8, being paid on a scale similar to that

fixed in the present passage. The mention of an *ἐπαλλαγή* in l. 6 is another point of connexion between the three documents. In 67 and 68 the rate of the *ἀλλαγή* or *ἐπαλλαγή* is $\frac{3}{4}$ obol to the stater, while here it is $1\frac{1}{2}$ obols to the stater, reckoned upon half the amount, which comes to the same thing.

παραθῶνται : cf. Rev. Laws xliv. 5, &c.

52. LETTER OF DEMOPHON TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A (probably A 9). Fr. (a) 11.7 × 25, Fr. (b) 10.2 × 9.8 cm. About B.C. 245.

Another letter from Demophon to Ptolemaeus (cf. 51, introd.), enclosing a list of persons who are generally assessed at the rate of 1 drachma 4 obols per aroura (a lower rate occurring in l. 23). Owing to the incompleteness of the introductory letter the purport of the whole document is somewhat obscure; but apparently the list refers to the amounts payable by certain inhabitants of Tholthis, a village of the Oxyrhynchite nome, who had pastured their flocks upon Crown lands in various parts of the lower toparchy. Whether the impost in question is connected with the *λογεῖα χλωρῶν* in 51. 2, or is identical with the tax called *ἐννόμιον* (132; cf. P. Petrie III. 109 (a)) or *εἰς τὰς νομάς*, levied for use of the royal pastures (Wilcken, *Ost.* I. pp. 191 and 265), is not clear. From references in receipts for *ἐννόμιον* to the number of the sheep Wilcken (*l. c.*) infers that that impost was proportionate to the number of sheep turned out to graze, whereas in 52 the tax is clearly proportionate to the area of the pasturage. The terms of the introductory letter in 52, especially the references to the 'using up' of the pastures and the securities to be obtained in consequence, suggest that the proceedings of the persons mentioned in the list had been irregular (cf. P. Tebt. 66. 75 sqq.); but this hypothesis does not accord very well with 53, another letter from Demophon to Ptolemaeus enclosing a precisely similar list of persons who are mostly assessed at 1 drachma 4 obols on the aroura (cf. 130, a fragment of a third document of the same character). The phrase *προσάγγελμα τῆς πρώτης δεχημέρου* applied to the list in 53. 2 recalls the terminology employed in regard to the collection of ordinary taxes, and on the whole it seems preferable to identify the payments in 52 and 53 with the *ἐννόμιον*.

In ll. 24-33, which are on a separate fragment, Demophon's handwriting is smaller, and perhaps this piece, which in any case is not part of Cols. i or ii, belongs to 130 or another similar list, though not to 53.

Fr. (a).

Col. i.

[Δ]ημοφῶν Πτολεμαίῳ χαίρειν.

[ὑπ]ογέγραφέ σοι τῶν ἀπὸ Θώλθεως

[οἱ κα]τανενεμήκασιν ἐκ τῆς βασι-
 [λικῆς] γῆς τῆς ἐν τῇ κάτω το-
 5 [παρχίαι τὰ ὄν]όματα καὶ τὰ
 πλήθη καὶ ὧντινων κλήρων
 ἀποκέχρηνται ταῖς νομαῖς. σὺ
 οὖν πειρῶ ὡς ἀσφαλέστατα
 διεγγυῆσαι ὅπως μηθὲν δι[ά-
 10 πτωμα ἐξ ὑστέρου γίνη[ται,
 οἶμαι γὰρ σε . . . ν . [.]δια[. . .

Col. ii.

[. . .] ὁσῶς Βαρκαῖος ἰδιώτης) ὡσαύτως (δραχμαὶ) ιζ' (τετράβολον) (ἡμιω-
 βέλιον),
 Π[. . .]ιας Κυρηναῖος τῆς ἐπιγονῆς (δραχμαὶ) θ (δυόβολοι),
 Δ[η]μήτριος Φίλωνος Κυρηναῖος τῆς
 15 [ἐπι]γονῆς (δραχμαὶ) η (πεντάβολον) (τέταρτον),
 [. . .] ν . . . Τ[ε]ῶτος ποιμὴν καὶ Πετερ-
 μουθις Κομοάπιος (δραχμαὶ) θ (τέταρτον),
 Ὡρος Πινάτος ἱερεὺς γόητος ιζ' (ὀβολὸς) (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 ἄλλας ὁ αὐτὸς (ἀρούρας) β (δραχμαὶ) γ (δυόβολοι),
 20 Πετοσεῖρις Φαυήτος καὶ Πετοσεῖρις
 Πασιγώνιος καὶ Ἰππόλυσος (ἀρούρας) βδ' (δραχμαὶ) γ (πεντάβολον),
 ἄλλας Πετοσεῖρις Αὐφμωῦτος ἀράκου
 [ἀ]ρούρας ε (δραχμαὶ) ε (τριώβολον),

19. This line was inserted later.

22. ειρις of πετοσειρις above the line.

Fr. (b).

. τῆς ἐπιγονῆς
 25 [ἀράκου (ἀρούρας)] ιε (δραχμαὶ) κ[. . .
 [ἐκ τοῦ Πτολ]εμαίου Πραξίας Καλλιδρ[όμου
 [. τῆς] ἐπιγονῆς ἀράκ(ου) (ἀρούρας) ε' ἀν(ὰ) α (τετράβολον) (δραχμαὶ) ι,

[.]ο[. .]s ἀρά(κου) ιδ ἀν(ὰ) α (τετρώβολον) (δραχμαὶ) κγ (δυόβολοι),
 [.]τος καὶ Ἀρμυσις ποιμένες
 30 [.]. ἀρά(κου) (ἀρούρας) ι (δραχμαὶ) ις (τετρώβολον),
 [.]ρχώνσιος ἀρά(κου) (ἄρουραν) α (δραχμὴ) α (τετρώβολον),
 [.] Παῦτος γεωργὸς
 [.]α (πυροῦ) βλ.

‘Demophon to Ptolemaeus, greeting. I have written below the names of the inhabitants of Tholthis who have used pasturage in the Crown land in the lower toparchy, and the amounts, and the holdings in which they have used up the pastures. Do you therefore try to obtain as good security as possible, in order that there may be no subsequent loss, for I think that you . . .

‘. . . os, Barcean, private, likewise 17 dr. 4½ ob.; P . . . ias, Cyrenean of the Epigone, 9 dr. 2 ob.; Demetrius son of Philon, Cyrenean of the Epigone, 8 dr. 5¼ ob.; . . . son of Teos, shepherd, and Petermouthis son of Komoapis, 9 dr. ¼ ob.; Horus son of Pnas, priest . . . 17 dr. 1½ ob., and on 2 more arourae the same Horus 3 dr. 2 ob.; Petosiris son of Phaues and Petosiris son of Pasigonis and Hippolysus on 2¼ arourae 3 dr. 5 ob.; on 5 more arourae of aracus Petosiris son of Auphmotis 5 dr. 3 ob., . . . In the holding of Ptolemaeus: Praxias son of Callidromos, . . . of the Epigone, on 6 arourae of aracus at 1 dr. 4 ob. 10 dr.; . . . on 14 arourae of aracus at 1 dr. 4 ob. 23 dr. 2 ob.; . . . and Harmiusis, shepherds, on 10 arourae of aracus 16 dr. 4 ob.; . . . son of . . . rchonsis on 1 aroura of aracus 1 dr. 4 ob.; . . . son of Paous, cultivator, . . . 2½ artabae of wheat.’

3. κατανεμηκασιν: cf. the κατανεμημένη in P. Tebt. 61 (a). 188, &c.

6. Possibly καὶ ὧντων, but ν does not suit the vestiges after the lacuna very well. Cf. note on l. 26.

9. διεγγυῆσαι: the object understood is probably τοὺς ἀπὸ Θώλθεως (cf. 41. 5 and 53. 3), not the κληροί, though διεγγυημένοι κληροί occur in 48. 3. ἀσφάλεια in connexion with the revenues derived from χλωρά also occur in an obscure passage in P. Tebt. 27. 55-9; cf. 51. 2, note.

13. (δυόβολοι): this, the early Ptolemaic expression for 2 obols, is written out in P. Petrie II. 44. 25 and the London Bilingual papyrus of Philopator's reign (Pal. Soc. II. 143).

18. γόητος: if this is a genitive, we must suppose the existence of a deity called ‘the Wizard’; if a nominative (of an unknown form), it is a very curious epithet to apply to a priest.

26. [ἐκ τοῦ Πολλεμαίου: sc. κλήρου; cf. 53. 14 and 18, and 117. 8, note. It is probable that this κλήρος was βασιλικός like those called βασιλικοί in 85. 13 and 101. 5, and really formed part of the βασιλικὴ γῆ (cf. l. 3 above), having returned to the possession of the State either at the death of the original holder (cf. 81, introd.) or for some other reason. The name of the original holder continued, however, to be attached to it, as was still the case even in Roman times; cf. P. Oxy. 483. 5, note, and 118. 2, note. This view of the κληροί βασιλικοί also suits 39, 100, and 119, where the State apparently receives a rent upon such holdings, and is confirmed by 75, which refers to the sale by government officials of part of the Φιλοξένου κλήρος, though a difficulty arises in connexion with 99; cf. 99. 8, note. In 112. 9, however, where an impost upon χλωρά is apparently found, the land seems to be really cleruchic, and the same may be true of the κληροί in 52, though

the βασιλικοὶ κλήροι are in any case to be explained as land which had reverted to State ownership.

33. The sign for $\frac{1}{2}$, here applied to an artaba, instead of being angular is semicircular and identical with that employed at this period for $\frac{1}{2}$ obol; cf. notes on 53. 20 and 119. 17.

53. LETTER OF DEMOPHON TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 9.

Breadth 11 cm.

B.C. 246.

Another letter from Demophon to Ptolemaeus, dated in the last year of the reign of Philadelphus, and enclosing a list of persons at Tholthis and Mouchinaruo (in the Oxyrhynchite nome), who are for the most part rated at 1 drachma 4 obols on an aroura; cf. introd. to 52 and 130.

[Δημοφῶ]ν Πτολεμαίῳ χα[ί]ρειν. ἀπέσταλ-
[κά σοι] τὸ προσάγγελμα τῆς πρώτης δεχημέρου
τοῦ Ἀθύρ· πειρῶ οὖν ἀσφαλῶς διεγγυᾶν ὡς πρὸς σὲ
τοῦ λό[γ]ου ἐσομένου. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λθ' Ἀθύρ 15.
5 Θῶ[λθις] Θεόδωρος Καλλικράτους ἐκ τῆς παρειμένης (ἀρούρας) εἴ' (δραχ-
μαὶ) η (τριώβολον) (τέταρτον),
Πετεῆσις ποιμῆν καὶ Παυῆς ἐλαιοπώλης (ἀρούρας) γλ' (δραχμαὶ) 5
(τέταρτον),
Ἀρμιῦσις Πανήσιος καὶ Πᾶσις Τεῶτος (ἀρούρας) γ (δραχμαὶ) ε,
Παυῆς Φίβιος δ' (τριώβολον), Πασιαίμοῦς δ' (δύβολοι),
Ὠρὸς Οἰμᾶτος (ἀρούρας) δ (δραχμαὶ) δ, / (ἀρουραι) ιςδ' (δραχμαὶ) κδ
(δύβολοι) (ἡμιωβέλιον).

10 ἐκ τοῦ . [

Με[ν]φιν[

Ωρ . [.] . τοσ[

/ [

ἐκ τοῦ Κυδρέους . [

15 ριν Ορ . . ξ[

Πενεῆσις φυ(λακίτης) ἀράκ(ου) δ' [(τριώβολον ?) .] αρ . . . ε . [.] ελασ[.

ἀράκ(ου) δ' (τριώβολον), / ἀράκ(ου) αδ' (δραχμαὶ ?) [β (τριώβολον) χ]όρτ(ου)

λ (δραχμή) α, / (δραχμαὶ) γ [(τριώβολον).

ἐκ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου Ὀνάρχης [. . . .] . [. .] τ[.] . αρσν . [.] καὶ

Εὐνομος ἐκ Μουχιναρυνὸν ἀράκ(ου) γ] (δραχμαὶ) ε.
 20 Σισίοις Ἀρενδῶτου Ἠδ' (δραχμῇ) [α] (ὀβολὸς ?) [ἡμιωβέλιον), Ὡρος Ὡρου
 φυ(λακίτης)
 Μουχιναρυνὸν Ἠ (πεντάβολον), Πετομύχιος Πετοσείριος
 [Μου]χι[ν]αρυνὸν ἀράκ(ου) Ἠδ' (δραχμῇ) α (ὀβολὸς ?) (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 / ἀράκ(ου) (ἄρουν) ε (δραχμαὶ) η (δυόβολοι). / τῆς κώμης ἀράκ(ου)
 κβλῆ'
 (δραχμαὶ) λε (ὀβολὸς) (ἡμιωβέλιον), χόρτου βλ (δραχμαὶ) ε (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 / (δραχμαὶ) μ (δυόβολοι).

5. καλλικράτους added above the line.
 after / μ was written.

24. The sign for δραχμαὶ was inserted

'Demophon to Ptolemaeus, greeting. I have sent you the report of the first ten days of Athur. Do you therefore endeavour to obtain good security, knowing that you will be held accountable. Good-bye. The 39th year, Athur 16. At Tholthis: Theodorus son of Callicrates on $5\frac{1}{8}$ arourae of the concessional (?) land 8 drachmae $3\frac{1}{4}$ obols, &c.

3. Cf. 52. 9, note.

4. The year being the 39th must be the 'revenue' not the 'regnal' year (cf. App. ii). Athur 16 of Philadelphus' 39th regnal year would almost certainly fall within his 40th revenue year, which he did not live to enter; cf. p. 245.

5. τῆς παρεμμένης: cf. P. Oxy. 713. 25 περὶ δὲ Πειννὸν ἐκ τῆς Θρασυμάχου παρεμμένης. As 53 also refers to the Oxyrhynchite nome the same land is probably meant, and παρεμμένη in P. Oxy. 713 is then a survival from Ptolemaic times like the names of the κλήροι; but the precise sense of the term is obscure.

10. Perhaps ἐκ τοῦ Πτολεμαίου; cf. 130, where Πτολεμαίου precedes Κυδρέους (l. 14).

17. The figures are restored from the total in l. 24; cf. note *ad loc.*

19. [ἀράκ(ου) γ] is restored from the number of drachmae, on the assumption that the rate is the usual one of 1 dr. 4 ob. on the aroura. But if 3 arourae is correct here, the items making up the number 5 in l. 23 will be complete, and therefore Ὀνάρχης and Εὐνομος must be partners.

20. The symbol for $\frac{1}{2}$ aroura here and elsewhere in this papyrus is a half-circle like that representing $\frac{1}{2}$ obol; cf. notes on 52. 33 and 110. 17.

23-4. The amounts of land given in ll. 9, 17, and 23 add up correctly to the total of $22\frac{5}{8}$ arourae. A half-aroura of χόρτος also occurs in l. 17, leaving only 2 arourae of χόρτος to be accounted for between ll. 9 and 14. This indicates that the loss between ll. 9 and 10, if any, is very small.

54. LETTER OF DEMOPHON TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A (probably A 9).

25 × 7.2 cm.

About B.C. 245.

An undated letter from Demophon to Ptolemaeus (cf. 51, introd.) on private matters. The first part of it gives some interesting instructions about the

provision of musicians for a festival at Demophon's house ; then follow messages about a kid (ll. 17-9), a fugitive slave (ll. 20-3), and various articles wanted by the writer (ll. 23-8), with a postscript concerning the mode of sending them (ll. 30-2).

Δημοφῶν Πτολε-
μαίῳ χαίρειν. ἀπόσ-
τειλον ἡμῖν ἐκ παν-
τὸς τρόπου τὸν αὐ-
5 λητὴν Πετωῦν ἔχοντ[α
τούς τε Φρυγίους αὐ-
λ[ο]ύς καὶ τοὺς λοιπούς, κ[αὶ]
ἐάν τι δέῃ ἀνηλωσαι
δός, παρὰ δὲ ἡμ[ῶ]ν κοιμι-
10 ῖς. ἀπόστειλον δὲ ἡ[μ]ῖν
καὶ Ζηνόβιον τὸν μαλα-
κὸν ἔχοντα τύμπανον καὶ
κύμβαλα καὶ κρόταλα, χρει-
α γάρ ἐστι ταῖς γυναιξίν πρὸς
15 τὴν θυσίαν· ἐχέτω δὲ
καὶ ἱματισμὸν ὡς ἄσ-

τειότατον. κόμισαι δὲ
καὶ τὸν ἔριφον παρὰ Ἀρι-
τίωνος καὶ πέμψον ἡμῖν.
20 καὶ τὸ σῶμα δὲ εἰ συνεί-
ληφας παράδος [[αὐτο]]
Σεμφθεῖ ὅπως αὐτὸ δι-
ακομίσει ἡμῖν. ἀπόσ-
τειλον δὲ ἡμῖν καὶ τυ-
25 ρὸς ὅσους ἂν δύνῃ καὶ
κέραμον κα[ὶ]νὸν καὶ λά-
χανα π[αντ]οδαπὰ καὶ
ἐὰν ὅψον τι ἔχη[ς].
ἔρρ[ωσο].
30 ἐμβαλοῦ δὲ αὐτᾶ καὶ φυ-
λακίτας οἱ συνδιακομιοῦ-
σιν [[α]] τὸ πλοῖο[ν].

On the verso

Πτολεμαίῳ.

10. λ of ἀποστειλον corr. from ν.

'Demophon to Ptolemaeus, greeting. Make every effort to send me the flute-player Petoüs with both the Phrygian flutes and the rest ; and if any expense is necessary, pay it, and you shall recover it from me. Send me also Zenobius the effeminate with a drum and cymbals and castanets, for he is wanted by the women for the sacrifice ; and let him wear as fine clothes as possible. Get the kid also from Aristion and send it to me ; and if you have arrested the slave, deliver him to Semphtheus to bring to me. Send me as many cheeses as you can, a new jar, vegetables of all kinds, and some delicacies if you have any. Good-bye. Put them on board with the guards who will assist in bringing the boat. (Addressed) To Ptolemaeus.'

11. μαλακός may be merely a nickname, but probably refers to the style of Zenobius' dancing. Smyly well compares Plautus, *Mil.* 668 *Tum ad saltandum non cinaedus malacus aequat atque ego.*

26. κα[ὶ]νόν : or perhaps κενόν. κέραμον can also have a collective sense, 'earthenware.'

55. LETTER OF SCYTHES TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A (probably A 9).

9.3 X 12 cm.

B.C. 250 (249).

A short letter from Scythes, a superior official, to Ptolemaeus (cf. 51, introd.), ordering him to come to Talao, a village in the Oxyrhynchite nome (cf. P. Oxy. 265. 15), with a shepherd who was to give evidence. The writing is across the fibres.

Σκύθης Πτολεμαίωι χαίρειν.
 παραγενοῦ εἰς Ταλαῶν ἤδη
 ἄγων καὶ τὸν ποιμένα τὸν ἐλέγ-
 ξοντα περὶ ὧν μοι εἶπας. ἐὰν δὲ
 5 βραδύτερον ποιῇς σταντὸν βλά-
 ψεις, [ο]ὐ γὰρ σχολάζω μένειν πλείονα
 χρ[όνον.] ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λε Χοίαχ 5.

On the verso

Πτολεμαίωι.

'Scythes to Ptolemaeus, greeting. Come to Talao at once, and bring with you the shepherd in order that he may give evidence in the matter about which you told me. If you are remiss you will injure yourself, for I have no leisure to remain longer. Good-bye. The 35th year, Choiak 6. (Addressed) To Ptolemaeus.'

56. LETTER OF PATRON TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 9.

12.1 X 4.6 cm.

B.C. 249 (248).

A peremptory note to Ptolemaeus from Patron, perhaps the ἀρχιφυλακίτης mentioned in 34. 1 and 73. 9-10, ordering him not to molest a certain Nicostratus; cf. 59. 9-12 and introd. to 51.

Πάτρων Πτολε-
 [μα]ίωι χαίρειν. παρα-
 γενόμενος πρὸς
 ἡμᾶς Ἰλων ἔφη εἰς-
 5 πράσσειν σὲ Νικό-

στρατον ἐκ Κόβα
(δραχμὰς) β. σὺ οὖν μὴ ἐνό-
χλει [α]ὐτόν. [[ου]]

7 lines erased.

ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λζ

10 Φαῶφι ιζ.

On the verso

Πτολεμαίωι.

‘Patron to Ptolemaeus, greeting. Ilon has come to me and said that you were exacting 2 drachmae from Nicostratus of Koba. Do not molest him. Good-bye. The 37th year, Phaophi 17. (Addressed) To Ptolemaeus.’

6. Κόβα was in the *Καίτης τόπος* (cf. p. 8); but Nicostratus must have been for the time being in the Oxyrhynchite nome, since he had come within reach of Ptolemaeus. Whether this Κόβα is identical with the village called *Κόμα* in the Roman and Byzantine periods (p. 8, P. Oxy. 142 and 150) is doubtful.

9-10. These two lines are over the erasure.

57. LETTER OF DIONYSODORUS (?) TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 8.

7.7 × 32.2 cm.

B.C. 247.

A letter to Ptolemaeus ordering a person who had brought the writer a petition to be sent to him. The writer's name is doubtful, but is perhaps Dionysodorus, as in 58. The writing is across the fibres.

Δι[ο]νυσόδωρος Π[ο]λεμαίωι χαίρειν. ὡς ἀν λάβῃς τὴν ἐπιστ[ο]λ[ή]ν
ἀνάπ[ε]μψον

πρὸς ἡμᾶς [Δημή]τριον τὸν κομίσανθ' ἡμῖν κατ' Εὐαγόρου ἔντευξιν εἰς
Ἀλ[ε]ξαν-

δρείας παρε[. . .]ν.

ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λη Πανήμου [.]

On the verso

5

Π[ο]λεμαίωι.

‘Dionysodorus to Ptolemaeus, greeting. As soon as you receive this letter send to me Demetrius who brought me a petition against Evagoras to the . . . of Alexandria. Good-bye. The 38th year, Panemus . . . (Addressed) To Ptolemaeus.’

3. There is not room for *παρεμβολή*ν.

4. Panemus at this period probably coincided approximately with Epeiph (cf. App. i), in which month the numbers of Philadelphus' regnal years were still one in arrear of those of the revenue years; cf. 80. 13-4, note. Since 57 is dated by the Macedonian calendar, Panemus-Epeiph would be expected to fall within the 38th regnal rather than the 38th revenue year; cf. p. 367. But it is difficult to refer Panemus-Epeiph to the 39th revenue year, for Philadelphus was almost certainly dead before that date; cf. p. 364.

58. LETTER OF DIONYSODORUS TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 9.

19.5 × 7.5 cm.

B.C. 245-4 (244-3).

A letter to Ptolemaeus from Dionysodorus, asking for an advance of 8 drachmae. If this Dionysodorus was also the writer of 57, he was the official superior of Ptolemaeus.

Διονυσ[όδω]ρος Πτολε-
[μαί]ωι χαίρειν. ὥς ἂν
τ[ῆ]ν ἐπ[ισ]τολήν λάβῃς
δὸς Τε[λ]έστωι τῷ παρὰ
5 Διοδότου τοῦ . [κλ] . .
δοῦτον ἀφ' οὗ λεγέ-
γευκας ἀργυρίου (δραχμάς) η, τοῦ-
το δέ σοι προσδέξομαι.
ἀναδέδεκται γὰρ
10 ἡμῖν ἀπομετρήσειν
σίτον. μὴ οὖν ἄλλως
ποιήσῃς.
ἔρρωσ[ο]. (ἔτους) γ [. . . .

[

7. ἀργυρίου added above the line.

‘Dionysodorus to Ptolemaeus, greeting. As soon as you receive this letter give Telestus the agent of Diodotus son of . . . 8 drachmae of silver out of what you have collected, and for this sum I will be responsible (?) to you; for he has undertaken to measure us out some corn. So do not neglect this. Good-bye. The 3rd year . . .’

8. προσδέξομαι: cf. P. Petrie III. 64 (δ). 6 (ἐξεδέξατο) and 81 (δ). 1.

59. LETTER OF ZENODORUS TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 9.

17.2 x 8.8 cm.

About B.C. 245.

A letter from Zenodorus to Ptolemaeus, directing him to send up a woman who had been found in the illicit possession of a quantity of oil, and adding a sharp warning to Ptolemaeus himself. A Zenodorus is known from an unpublished Hibeh papyrus to have been oeconomus of one of the toparchies of the Oxyrhynchite nome at this period, and he is probably to be identified with the writer of this and the following letter; cf. also 60 and 124-7.

Ζηνόδορος Πτολεμαίωι
 χαίρειν. ὥς ἂν λάβῃς
 τὴν ἐπιστολὴν ἀπόσ-
 τειλον πρὸς ἡμᾶς μετὰ
 5 φυλακῇ[ς] τὴν παραδο-
 θεῖσάν σοι ἔχουσάν τὸ
 κλέπιμον ἔλαιον
 καὶ τὸν παραδόντα σοι
 ἀπόστειλον· καὶ εἰ μὴ
 10 παύσει κ[α]κοποῶν
 ἐν τῇ κώμῃ[ι] μεταμε-
 λή[σ]ει σοι.
 ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) [.] Ἐπεὶ φ ι.

On the verso

Π[τ]ο[λ]εμαίωι.

‘Zenodorus to Ptolemaeus, greeting. As soon as you receive this letter, send to us under guard the woman who was delivered to you with the contraband oil in her possession, and send also the person who delivered her to you; and if you do not stop your malpractices in the village you will repent it. Good-bye. The . . year, Epeiph 10. (Addressed) To Ptolemaeus.’

7. κλέπιμον: this adjective is unknown, but is a much more satisfactory reading here than κλόπιμον. The same word is no doubt to be recognized in Rev. Laws lv. 20 εἰς δὲ . . . βο[ύλ]ωνται ζητεῖν φάμε[νοι] ἔλ[αι]ον παρά τ[ι]σι[ν] ὑπάρχειν κλ[έ]π[ι]μον, which suits the sense far better than κά[ρ]πιμον. On the smuggling of oil cf. also P. Tebt. 38 and 39.

60. LETTER OF ZENODORUS TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 9.

12.8 x 7 cm.

About B.C. 245.

Another order from Zenodorus to Ptolemaeus (cf. 59) for the arrest of a man named Ctesicles if he failed to make a payment within a certain period.

Ζηνόδωρος Πτολεμαίῳ
 χαίρειν. ἐὰμ μὴ ἀποσ-
 τέλῃσι Κτησικλῆς
 εἰς Σινάρυν πρὸ ἑκτῆς
 5 ὥρας τῇι ιθ (δραχμας) κ
 ἀπόστειλον αὐτὸν πρὸς
 ἡμᾶς μετὰ φ[υ]λα-
 κῆς ἤδη, καὶ ὅπως
 μὴ ἄλλως ποιήσεις.
 10 ἔρ[ρωσο. (ἔτους) . .

[

On the verso

Πτολεμαίῳ.

6. αὐτον added above the line.

‘Zenodorus to Ptolemaeus, greeting. If Ctesicles does not send 20 drachmae to Sinaru before the sixth hour on the 19th, send him to me under guard at once, without fail. Good-bye. The . . year . . . (Addressed) To Ptolemaeus.’

61. LETTER TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 9.

13.1 x 9.7 cm.

B.C. 245 (244).

An order to Ptolemaeus to produce a number of persons before Ammonius, a superior official. The name of the writer is lost, but was perhaps Zenodorus; the hand is similar to that of 59, but not certainly identical with it.

[.] Π[το]λεμαίῳ[ι
 [χαίρειν. ὥς] ἀν λάβῃς τὴν
 [ἐπιστο]λὴν κατάστησον

[.] πρὸς Ἀμμώνιον
 5 [.] . . χι[.] Πετοσίριν
 Σενύχιος καὶ Πετοσίριν Πασι-
 πῶτος, Ἀρνούφιν Πανήτος,
 Ἀρνώ[την] τὸν λαξόν.
 ἔ[ρ]ωσο. (ἔτους) β Παχῶνς ις.

' . . . to Ptolemaeus, greeting. As soon as you receive this letter produce . . . before Ammonius . . . son of . . . , Petosiris son of Senuchis, Petosiris son of Pasipos, Harnouphis son of Paues, and Haruotes the stonemason. Good-bye. The 2nd year, Pachon 16.'

4. A place-name may have stood in the lacuna either here or in l. 5; cf. 62. 13-5.

62. LETTER OF PHILIPPUS TO PTOLEMAEUS.

Mummy A 9.

18.4 × 8 cm.

B. C. 245 (244).

A letter from Philippus, whose official status does not appear, to Ptolemaeus, directing him to bring before Philippus the accuser in a case of robbery.

Φίλιππος Πτολε-
 μαίωι χαίρειν. [
 κακοῦργον τὸν τῆν
 λείαν ποιήσαντα
 5 ἐπικαλεῖ Τνᾶς
 Ἀρνούφιος, ὃν συν-
 τέταχα τῶι
 ἀρχιγερεῖ τῶι ἐν
 Θώλτει παραδ[ο]ῦ-
 10 ναί σοι. ὥς ἂν λάβῃς
 τὰ γράμματα
 λαβὼν αὐτὸν τὸ
 τάχος ἀποκατά-
 [στ]ησον πρὸς ἡμᾶς
 15 [ἐν] Ὁξύρχων π[ό]λ[ε]ι,
 [καὶ ὁ]π[ω]ς μὴ ἄλλως ἔσται.
 ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) β Παῦνι κ.

On the verso

Πτολεμαίωι.

‘Philippus to Ptolemaeus, greeting. The criminal who did the pillage is accused by Tnas son of Harnouphis, whom I have instructed the chief priest at Tholthis to hand over to you. As soon as you receive this letter take him at once and produce him before me at the city of Oxyrhynchus; and be careful to carry out these directions. Good-bye. The 2nd year, Pauni 20. (Addressed) To Ptolemaeus.’

2. There would be room for [τόν after χαίρειν, but it is unnecessary.

8. ἀρχιγερεῖ: another instance of the insertion of γ in this word perhaps occurs in P. Petrie III. 53 (p). 2. Cf. 27. 33 and P. Tebt. 63. 7, note.

63. LETTER OF CRITON TO PLUTARCHUS.

Mummy 18.

17.8 × 8 cm.

About B.C. 265.

A letter from Criton asking Plutarchus to settle accounts, in order that Criton might meet a demand to pay for some seed which had been sown upon a cleruchic holding. It is probable that this Plutarchus is the same person as the Plutarchus addressed by Paris in 64, although the two documents were obtained from different mummies; for another connecting link is provided by 65, which comes from the same mummy (18) as 63, and is also concerned with a Paris. Moreover, the three letters deal with similar topics and are undoubtedly close together in date. 64 belongs to the 21st year of Philadelphus, while the dates in the papyri from Mummy 18 range from about the 15th to the 28th year of that reign. Criton and Plutarchus recur in 110. 13 and 17 (cf. 159), and seem to have been minor revenue-officials at or near Ἱερά Νῆσος, a village in the division of Polemon in the Arsinoite nome; cf. 63. 19, 110. 21, 80. 3-4, 81. 16. The position of Paris was probably similar.

On the verso are parts of 7 much effaced lines, but no signs of an address.

Κρίτων Πλουτάρχωι
χαίρειν. παραγεν[δ]μεν[ος]
πρ[δ]ς μὲ Νίκαιος ἀπηῖται
τὴν τιμὴν τοῦ σπέρμα-
5 [το]ς οὗ ἔφη ἐμβεβληκέ-
ν[α]ι εἰς τὸν Πρωταγόρου
κ[λ]ῆρον (ἐτῶν) γ (ἀρτάβας) λγ,

- [εἰ] δὲ μὴ ἔφη κατέξειν
τὸν χόρτον μου τὸν ἐν
10 τῷ πεδίῳ. εἰ οὖν οὕ-
τως πολιτευσόμεθα
ἀλλήλοις καλῶς ἂν
ἔχοι. σὺ οὖν διόρθωσαι
αὐτοῖς τὸ λ[ο]ιπὸν ὃ προσ-
15 οφείλεις μοι. ἦσαν δὲ
(δραχμαὶ) οβ. τούτων ἄφελε
(ἀρταβῶν) μ τιμὴν κς (τετρώβολον)
καὶ [. . .] γ δ [ἐλ]αβον πα-
ρὰ σοῦ ὥστε Θεωδώρῳ κ . . . [. . .] . s ἐφ' Ἱερᾶς Νήσου [(δραχμαὶ) δ,
20 / (δραχμαὶ) λ (τετρώβολον), (λοιπὸν) μα (δυσόβολοι),
λαβὼν παρὰ Τιμάρχου
.

19. ὥστε . . .] . s added above the line.

‘Criton to Plutarchus, greeting. Nicaeus has come to me demanding the price of the seed which he said he had ordered for the holding of Protagoras during three years, namely 33 artabae, otherwise he said he should lay claim to my hay in the fields. If we are going to hold such relations it will indeed be well. Do you therefore settle with them the remainder owing from you to me. The sum was 72 drachmae; deduct from this the price of 40 artabae, 26 drachmae 4 obols, and for . . . which I received from you for Theodorus . . . at Hiera Nesus, 4 drachmae, total 30 drachmae 4 obols, remainder 41 drachmae 2 obols. Take from Timarchus . . .’

5-7. The meaning of ἐμβεβληκέναι here is not quite clear. If it be ‘imposed upon,’ as e.g. in P. Tebt. 37. 7 ἐμβεβλήσθαι (ἔργα) εἰς τὴν γῆν, Nicaeus must be supposed to be an official who first ordered the loan of seed and then himself advanced it on behalf of Criton. This seems more likely than that ἐμβάλλειν is used literally of sowing, for which σπείρειν would be the word expected. The land in question may have been one of the βασιλικοὶ κλῆροι, as in 85. 12-3; but loans or presents of seeds were also made to cleruchs, e.g. 87.

10-3. We suppose ἀλλήλοις to refer to Criton and Nicaeus, and καλῶς ἂν ἔχοι to be ironical. The construction of πολιτεύεσθαι with a dative is unusual.

17. The lowness of the price (4 obols per artaba) shows that the grain was of some inferior kind, very likely olyra. An artaba of olyra was worth $\frac{2}{5}$ artaba of wheat (85. 14-5, note), of which the normal value was 2 drachmae (84 a. 8-9, note).

18. Perhaps [(ἀρταβῶν)] γ, but δ is then unsatisfactory; a neuter antecedent would be more appropriate. The stroke which we have considered to be the top of a γ may be a mark of abbreviation. The following letter is rather more like σ than α, but αs cannot be read.

21. There are some blurred ink marks immediately in front of λαβών, but they are outside the line and probably accidental. They might, however, be taken to represent an inserted καί.

64. LETTER OF PARIS TO PLUTARCHUS.

Mummy 97.

Breadth 7.3 cm.

B.C. 264 (263).

A letter from Paris asking for an advance of 60 drachmae on account of a large amount of olyra which was due to him from Plutarchus. The mutilation of the latter part of the letter has obscured some of the details of the proposed transaction. The writer is probably identical with the Paris mentioned in 65, and his correspondent with the Plutarchus to whom 63 is addressed; cf. 63, introd.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Πάρις Πλουτάρχωι | λόν μοι τὰς [ξ (δραχμὰς) |
| χαίρειν. γέγραφέν σοι | 15 κα[λ] τῇ β [. . . . |
| Ἀντίπατρος μετρή- | την ἄξω . . . [. . . . |
| [σ]αί μ[οι] ὀλυρῶν (ἀρτάβας) Ἄνν | δς καταβαλεῖ το [. |
| 5 [ᾧν] δε[ῖ] σ]ε λαβεῖν (ἀρτάβας) σν | τ [. . . .] ηνθ . κ[.] . [. |
| τὸ δὲ λοιπὸν ἐμοὶ με- | . ας ποιή[σει.] χρεὶ δὲ καὶ |
| τρῆσαι. χρεῖαν οὖν | 20 [γράφειν μοι π[ερ]ὶ ᾧν ἂν χρεῖ- |
| ἔχω (δραχμῶν) ξ, καλῶς | αν ἔχης. [ἔρρωσο. |
| ἂν οὖν ποιήσῃς δοῦς. | (ἔτους) κα Π[α] |
| 10 Ψενομούτι τῷ ἀποδι- | |
| [δόντι σοι τὴν ἐπιστο- | A fragment |
| [λὴν |]ι . [|
| |]ποσ . [|
| τὸν σῖτον ἀπόστ[ει]- | 25] . [|
| | |

On the verso

Πλουτάρ-
χωι.

13. τ of σιτον corr.?

22. κα corr. from κβ or vice versa.

'Paris to Plutarchus, greeting. Antipater has written to you to measure out to me 1450 artabae of olyra, of which you ought to take 250 artabae and to measure out the rest to me. Now I am in want of 60 drachmae; you will therefore do well to give Psenomous,

the carrier of this letter, . . . Send me the 60 drachmae and on the 2nd I will bring . . . tes . . . who will pay . . . And you must write to me about anything which you require. Good-bye. The 21st year, Pauni (?). (Addressed) To Plutarchus.'

10. There is a break in the papyrus below l. 10, and several lines may be lost between ll. 12 and 13. Perhaps ll. 23-5 come in here.

13. The τ of σίτον is very doubtful; the letters τον σιτο and λον with part of the μ of μοι in the next line are on a separate fragment, and its position is not quite certain.

16. την is the termination of a personal name, e. g. Ἀρνώτην.

65. LETTER CONCERNING PARIS.

Mummy 18.

34.2 × 5.8 cm.

About B.C. 265.

The purpose of this letter, the commencement of which is lost, was to secure the immediate delivery to Paris (cf. 64) of 80 artabae of aracus, in part-payment of a debt of 100 artabae of wheat. The writer proposed to obtain the remainder by purchase from the State. His correspondent, who is desired to pay over the aracus, was perhaps Plutarchus, the recipient of 63-4; cf. introd. to 63.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ἀπέστειλα πρὸς σέ | [. . .] τῇ εἰ ἵνα |
| ὅπως ἂν παραγενό- | [μετρή]σηις τοῦ |
| μενος συνστα- | [ἀρά]κου τὰς π (ἀρτάβας ?) |
| θῇς Πάριτι | 20 [Πά]ριτι, εἰ δὲ μὴ |
| 5 [ἵ]να μετρήσηις | [με]τρήσεται μ[ὲ] |
| αὐτῷ τὰς π (ἀρτάβας) | [τῷ] ὄρκω ἔνοχον |
| τοῦ ἀράκου, ἐγὼ | [εἶν]αι καὶ εἰσπράσ- |
| γὰρ ὄρκον συγγέ- | [σεσ]θαι τῆς (ἀρτάβης) (δραχμὰς) δ. |
| γραμμαι μετρή- | 25 [θέλ]ομεν οὖν ἐγὼ δη- |
| 10 [σ]αι τῇ τετρά- | [μο]σίῳ τὸν λοιπὸν |
| [δ]ι πυρῶν (ἀρτάβας) ρ. | [συν]αγοράσαι σῖ- |
| [ἐπ]εὶ οὖν οὐκ ἔξέ- | [το]ν ἵνα μὴ[θὲ]ν |
| [στα]ι σοι σήμερον | [εἰς] ἐμὲ ὑστερήσῃ. |
| [μετ]ρεῖν καλῶς | 30 ἔρρωσο. |
| 15 [ἂν] ποιήσῃς πα[ρα]- | — [(ἔτους) . . .] Ἀθὺρ δ. |
| [γε]νόμενος εἰς σ[. . .] | |

11. The numeral ρ corr.?

18. ν of του corr. from ν.

'I have sent to you so that you may go and meet Paris in order to measure out to him the 80 artabae of aracus; for I have engaged under oath to measure out on the 4th 100 artabae of wheat. So since you will not be able to measure it to-day, you will do well to go to . . . on the 5th to measure out to Paris the 80 artabae of aracus. If this is not done I shall be liable to the consequences of my oath and shall be mulcted of 4 drachmae per artaba. I wish to purchase the remainder of the corn from the State, in order that there may be no arrears against me. Good-bye. The . . . th year, Athur 4.'

8. A fragmentary specimen of such an oath is P. Petrie III. 56 (a).

10. τῇ τετράδι: i. e. the day on which this letter was written; cf. l. 31.

21 sqq. The oblique construction is probably a reminiscence of the actual contract, from which this sentence is a more or less exact quotation. Above the first few letters of l. 22 are some thin strokes which resemble]οτι and may represent an insertion.

66. LETTER OF PROTARCHUS TO CLITARCHUS.

Mummy 10.

11 × 32.8 cm.

B.C. 228 (227).

The following documents (66-70 (b)), with 160-3, belong to the correspondence of Clitarchus, who, as is shown by their contents as well as by the endorsement on 66, was a government banker, his district being the Κωίτης τόπος. They belong to the reign of Euergetes and are close together in date, the only years mentioned being the 18th and 19th.

The present text consists of a letter from Protarchus informing Clitarchus that he had undertaken the collection of the tax of $\frac{1}{100}$ and $\frac{1}{200}$, an impost probably connected with the ἐγκύκλιον or tax on sales and mortgages of real estate (cf. note on l. 1), and requesting Clitarchus to collect the dues on his account. The writing is across the fibres of the papyrus.

Πρώταρχος Κλειτάρχῳ χαίρειν. ἐξ[ειλ]ήψαμεν τὴν ρ' καὶ σ' παρὰ τῶν
τὴν δωρεὰν
πραγματευομένων. ἐπεὶ οὖν πίπτει [σοι] ἐν τοῖς κατὰ σὲ τόποις εἰκοστή,
καλῶς ἂν ποι-
ήσῃς συντάξας τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ προσλο[γ]εύειν καθότι ὑμῖν καὶ Ἀσκλη-
πιάδης γέγραφεν,
ὥ[ς δ'] ἂν παραγένωμαι ἀπὸ τῆς πα[.] .[. . . .] τοῦ χαλκοῦ συνλαλήσω
σοι ὥστε σε
5 μὴ διὰ κενῆς εὐχαριστήσαι ἡμ[ῖν].]

ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) ιθ Παχῶνς ιδ.

On the verso

2nd hand *τραπεζίτη Κωί-
του*

(1st hand) *Κλειτάρχωι.*

‘Protarchus to Clitarchus, greeting. I have contracted for the one per cent. and half per cent. with the managers of the *δωρεά*. Since therefore the 5 per cent. tax is paid to you in your district, you would do well to order your agents to collect the other taxes too, as Asclepiades also has written to you; and so soon as I arrive from the delivery (?) of the copper I will have a conversation with you, so that you shall not oblige me to no purpose. Good-bye. The 19th year, Pachon 14. (Addressed) To Clitarchus, banker of the Koïte district.’

1-2. The character of this tax of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and its relation to the *δωρεά* and the *εἰκοστή* are not quite clear. *τὴν δωρεάν* here might be interpreted as *τὴν ἐν δωρεᾷ γῆν*, as e.g. in P. Petrie II. 39 (g). 14 *ὑπάρχει ἐν τῇ δωρεᾷ χόρτος ἱκανός*, P. Magd. 28 *τῆς Χρυσέρμου δωρεᾶς*. As Rev. Laws show (xxxvi. 15, xliii. 11, xlv. 3), large tracts of land were held ἐν δωρεᾷ, chiefly perhaps by court favourites, and the holders seem to have had special treatment in respect of taxation. The *εἰκοστή* in l. 2 might then be compared with that in P. Petrie II. 11 (2). 4, a 5 per cent. tax on the rent of an *οἰκόπεδον*, while the $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. would be some similar impost of which the present is the first mention.

But *δωρεά* may have another sense which is more suitable to the context in 66. In the first place *πραγματεύεσθαι* is the word commonly used at this period for the farmers of a tax. Secondly, in the London Bilingual papyrus of the 13th year of Philopator (*Proceed. Soc. Bibl. Arch.* xxiii. p. 301, *Pal. Soc.* II. 143), appended to a demotic contract of sale is a banker's receipt in Greek, in which there appears, coupled with 8 drachmae $2\frac{1}{4}$ obols for *ἐγκύκλιον*, a payment of 3 obols for *δωρεά*. Now the commonest form of *εἰκοστή* was the *ἐγκύκλιον* (cf. 70 a); and if this be the *εἰκοστή* in 66. 2 there will be here the same collocation of *δωρεά* and *ἐγκύκλιον* as in the London text. Moreover, the $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of l. 1 recalls the *ἐξηκοστή* and *ἐκατοστή* of the Zoïs papyrus which were paid on the occasion of a sale through the government of land given in security for a tax; cf. the extra charges amounting to $\frac{3}{40} \times 2$ (*τὰ καθήκοντα τέλη διπλᾶ*), added to the *πρόστιμον* in P. Amh. 31, of B.C. 112. It thus seems possible to find a link between the $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the *δωρεά*, and the 5 per cent. by means of the supposition that they were all three connected with sales. Another passage in which *δωρεά* probably signifies a tax is P. Petrie III. 53 (s) *ἀφείκαμεν δὲ καὶ τὸ γραφεῖον τῶν Αἰγυπτίων συγγραφῶν, τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ [τ]ούτων πρότερον πείπτον διδόναι παρ' αὐτοῦ τοῖς ἔχουσι τὴν δωρεάν*. The *γραφεῖον*, a tax paid for drawing up contracts (?), is here remitted, and the proceeds previously derived from it are transferred to the ‘holders of the *δωρεά*.’ *ἔχουσι* at first sight suggests land-holders rather than tax-farmers; but it is very difficult to see what the former could have to do with the *γραφεῖον*, and the view that *ἔχοντες τὴν δωρεάν* here means much the same as *πραγματευόμενοι τὴν δωρεάν* in 66 is supported by P. Oxy. 44. 22, where the impost *γραφεῖον* is coupled with *ἐγκύκλιον*, with which, as we have seen above, the *δωρεά* was closely connected. We should therefore explain the *ρ' καὶ σ'* as a percentage upon sales, being an addition to the ordinary *εἰκοστή* and resembling the *δωρεά*, within which it may even have been included.

With regard to the $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and the analogous percentages of the P. Zoïs, it is singular that in P. Petrie III. 57 (b), where some land is sold by the government under conditions similar to those in P. Zoïs, the tax paid is the ordinary *ἐγκύκλιον* of 5 per cent. J. C. Naber, *Archiv*, I. p. 90, explains the difference in the rate as a remission. That is no

doubt possible, and in the absence of further evidence it is difficult to find a better theory. But the idea of lightening the burden of taxation does not seem to have played much part in the policy of the Ptolemies; it is possible that, so far from representing a remission, the percentages in the Zois papyrus may mark an augmentation, the $\frac{1}{100}$ and $\frac{1}{200}$ rising to $\frac{1}{60}$ and $\frac{1}{100}$, and perhaps subsequently to the $\frac{3}{40}$ of P. Amh. 31. An analogy for such an increase is provided by the history of the *ἐγκύκλιον*, the rate of which was doubled towards the end of the second century B.C. But the absence of the *ἐγκύκλιον* in P. Zois then remains unexplained.

3. Asclepiades is probably identical with the writer of 67-9.

4. Perhaps *πα[ρ]α[δόσεως]* or *πα[ρ]α[δοχῆς]*, but the reference is obscure. The fourth letter, if not α, might be ε. γ, π, or τ. *συνλαλήσω κ.τ.λ.* means that Protarchus was prepared to give a *quid pro quo*.

67. LETTER CONCERNING PAYMENT OF CLOTH-WORKERS.

Mummy 10.

32.8 x 8.6 cm.

B.C. 228 (227).

This papyrus and 67 are letters to the banker Clitarchus (cf. 66, introd.), officially authorizing him to pay different sums to certain weavers at Ἀγκυρῶν πόλιν and Χοιβνῶτριν in the Heracleopolite nome for a variety of fabrics manufactured on behalf of the government. As Rev. Laws lxxxvii sqq. (cf. Wilcken, *Ost. I.* pp. 267-9) and P. Tebt. 5. 63-4, 238 sqq. combine to show, the weaving industry was, at any rate in its more important branches, a government monopoly. The persons actually employed in it had of course to be paid for their work, and the scale of prices found here may be compared with those fixed in Rev. Laws xlvi. 18-20 for the production of the various kinds of oil; cf. the regulation of the price of *συνρίαι* in 51. 5-6 (note on l. 3), and P. Tebt. 5. 248 sqq., where it is forbidden to make the cloth-weavers, byssus-workers, and robe-weavers work *δωρεὰν μηδὲ μισθῶν ὑφειμένων*. The finer processes of manufacture seem to have been centred in the temples; but it is not at all likely that the whole weaving industry was under their control (P. Tebt. 5. 63, note), and there is no hint either in 67-8 or 51 that priests were in any way concerned. The formula of the two authorizations closely resembles that found in P. Petrie III. 87 (a) verso, (b), and 89. Asclepiades, the official by whom they were sent, and who appends his signature in 67. 28, was probably the local *οικονόμος*, the principal revenue official of the nome, or his *ἀντιγραφεύς*; cf. the frequent mentions of the *οικονόμος* in the section of the Rev. Laws which concerns the *ὀθονηρά*, lxxxvii. sqq. Asclepiades' order to Clitarchus in 69 to bring an account is quite in keeping with such a position.

The names of the various fabrics are usually abbreviated both in 67 and 68, and are difficult to identify. They are all classed as *ὀθόνια*, and are also in-

cluded under an abbreviation which may be either $\iota\sigma()$ or $\sigma\iota()$. On the whole we think $\iota\sigma(τοί)$ 'webs' more probable than $\sigma\iota(νδόνες)$, since $\iota\sigma(τοί)$ also occur in Rev. Laws xciv. 2 and 5, where a $\iota\sigma(ός)$ is rated at 25 drachmae, though that passage is too mutilated to be conclusive; cf. also Ps. Aristaeas ed. Schmidt, p. 69. 16 $\beta\upsilon\sigma\sigma\acute{\iota}\nu\omega\upsilon\upsilon\upsilon\ \delta\theta\omicron\nu\acute{\iota}\omega\upsilon\upsilon\ \iota\sigma(τοὺς)\ \acute{\epsilon}\kappa\alpha\tauόν$. Other abbreviations are $\mu\eta()$, $\pi\rho()$, $\beta\upsilon\sigma()$, and $\iota\mu\acute{\alpha}(τια?)$, but it is doubtful, except in the case of $\pi\rho()$, what is the correct order of the letters. $\sigma\omicron\rho\acute{\omega}\iota\alpha$ (67. 14, in other places abbreviated $\sigma\omicron\rho\omega\iota$) may be connected with $\sigma\omicron\rho\acute{o}\varsigma$ and denote a kind of cloth used for burials.

- $\text{Ἀσκλ[η]πιάδης Κλειτάρχωι}$
 $\chi[α]ίρειν. [\delta\delta\varsigma]\ \acute{\alpha}\pi\delta\ \tau\hat{\omega}\nu\ \pi\iota-$
 $\pi\tauόν\tau\omega[\nu\ \acute{\epsilon}\iota]\varsigma\ \tau\hat{o}\ \iota\theta\ (\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma)$
 $\tauοῖς\ \acute{\epsilon}\nu\ \text{Ἀγκυρῶν πόλει}$
 5 $[\acute{\upsilon}]π\omicron\gamma\epsilon\gamma\rho\alpha\mu\acute{\mu}\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\iota\varsigma\ \acute{\upsilon}\phi\acute{\alpha}\nu\tau\alpha\iota\varsigma$
 $\delta\iota\acute{\alpha}\ \dots\ \acute{\epsilon}\omega\varsigma\ \tau\omicron\upsilon\ \pi\alpha\rho'\ \text{Ἀπολλωνίου}$
 $[\kappa\alpha\iota\ \text{Πετ}]ειμούθου\ \tau\omicron\upsilon\ \text{Τε-}$
 $[\dots\ \tau]ο\pi\omicron\gamma\rho\alpha\mu\mu\alpha\tau\acute{\epsilon}\omega\varsigma$
 $[\kappa\alpha\iota\ \dots]\ \kappa\omega\mu\omicron\gamma\rho\alpha\mu\mu\alpha\tau\acute{\epsilon}\omega\varsigma$
 10 $[\acute{\epsilon}\iota\varsigma\ \tau\iota\mu\acute{\alpha}]\varsigma\ \delta\theta\omicron\nu\acute{\iota}\omega\upsilon\upsilon\ \tau\hat{\omega}\nu$
 $[\sigma\upsilon\nu\tau\epsilon\lambda]ο\upsilon\mu\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omega\upsilon\upsilon\ \acute{\epsilon}\iota\varsigma\ \tau\hat{o}\ [\beta\alpha-$
 $\sigma[ι\lambda\iota\kappa]\acute{\omicron}\nu\ \mu\eta()\ \kappa\alpha\ \pi\rho()\ \xi, \ / \ \iota\sigma(τοί?)\ \kappa\eta,$
 $(\delta\rho\alpha\chi\mu\acute{\alpha}\varsigma)\ \tau\kappa\varsigma\ (\tau\epsilon\tau\rho\acute{\omega}\beta\omicron\lambda\omicron\nu),\ \beta\upsilon\sigma()\ \xi\ \xi\epsilon\ (\delta\upsilon\omicron\beta\acute{o}\lambda\omicron\upsilon\varsigma),$
 $\sigma\omicron\rho\acute{\omega}\iota\omega\upsilon\upsilon\ \xi\ \nu\varsigma, \ / \ \iota\sigma(τοί)\ \mu\beta$
 15 $(\delta\rho\alpha\chi\mu\alpha\acute{\iota})\ \nu\mu\eta, \ \kappa\alpha\iota\ \acute{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\alpha(\gamma\acute{\eta}\varsigma)\ \iota\delta, \ / \ \nu\acute{\xi}\beta,$
 $\kappa\alpha\iota\ \sigma\acute{\upsilon}\mu\beta\omicron\lambda\omicron\nu\ \pi\acute{o}\iota\eta\sigma\alpha\iota\ \pi\rho\delta\varsigma$
 $\alpha\acute{\upsilon}\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma. \ \acute{\epsilon}\rho\rho\omega\sigma\omicron. \ (\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma)\ \iota\theta\ \text{Ἀθὺρ}\ \kappa\beta.$
 $\tau\omicron\upsilon\tau\omega\upsilon\upsilon\ \acute{\epsilon}\kappa\acute{\alpha}\sigma\tau\omega\iota\ \tau\hat{\omega}\nu\ \acute{\upsilon}\pi\omicron-$
 $\gamma\epsilon\gamma\rho\alpha\mu\acute{\mu}\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omega\upsilon\upsilon\ \Theta\omicron\sigma\omicron\tau\omicron\mu\omicron\upsilon\tau\iota$
 20 $\text{Πετοσίριος}\ \mu\eta()\ \gamma\ \pi\rho()\ \alpha, \ / \ \delta,$
 $(\delta\rho\alpha\chi\mu\acute{\alpha}\varsigma)\ \mu\varsigma\ (\tau\epsilon\tau\rho\acute{\omega}\beta\omicron\lambda\omicron\nu),\ \beta\upsilon\sigma()\ \alpha\ \theta\ (\delta\upsilon\omicron\beta\acute{o}\lambda\omicron\upsilon\varsigma),\ \sigma\omicron\rho\acute{\omega}\iota(ου)\ \alpha\ \eta,$
 $\ / \ \iota\sigma(τοί)\ \varsigma\ (\delta\rho\alpha\chi\mu\alpha\acute{\iota})\ \acute{\xi}\delta, \ \acute{\alpha}\lambda\lambda[\alpha(\gamma\acute{\eta}\varsigma)]\ \beta, \ / \ \acute{\xi}\varsigma.$
 $\text{Ἀρμῆνει}\ \Sigma\iota\sigma\acute{o}\iota\tau\omicron\varsigma\ \acute{\omega}\sigma\alpha\acute{\upsilon}\tau\omega\varsigma,$
 $\text{Πετενούπει}\ \text{Πάσιτος},$
 25 $\text{Τεῶι}\ \text{Ἀθεμμέως},\ \text{Πετοσίρει}$
 $\text{Ἀρχήβιος},\ \text{Ἀμεννεί}$
 $\text{Νεχθοσίριος},\ \text{Τεσῶμει}\ [\dots]$

2nd hand Ἀσκληπιάδης Κλειτάρ-
 χωι χα[ίρει]ν. χρ[ημά-
 30 τισον χαλκ[ο]ῦ τετρα-
 κοσίας ἐξήκοντα δύο
 καθότι γ[έ]γραπται [...
 [...]
 [...]βων β . [...]
 35 γμάτων ζ [...]

‘Asclepiades to Clitarchus, greeting. Give out of the sums paid in for the 19th year to the weavers at Ancyronpolis below written, through . . . , agent of Apollonius, and Petimouthes son of Te . . . , topogrammateus, and . . . komogrammateus, for the prices of cloths supplied to the Treasury, namely for 21 me . . . 7 pr . . . , total 28 webs, 326 drachmae 4 obols, for 7 buo . . . 65 drachmae 2 obols, for 7 soroia 56 drachmae, total 42 webs 448 drachmae, and for agio 14 drachmae, total 462 drachmae; and make out a receipt with them. Good-bye. The 19th year, Athur 22. To each of the following: to Thotomous son of Petosiris for 3 me . . . and 1 pr . . . , total 4, 46 drachmae 4 obols, for 1 buo . . . 9 drachmae 2 obols, for 1 soroion 8 drachmae, total 6 webs 64 drachmae, and for agio 2 drachmae, total 66. To Harmenis son of Sisois similarly, and to Petenoupis son of Pasis, Teos son of Athemmeus, Petosiris son of Harchebis, Amenneus son of Nechthosiris, Tesomis son of . . .

‘Asclepiades to Clitarchus, greeting. Pay 462 drachmae of copper, as above written . . .’

4. Ἀγκυρῶν πόλις: a town on the east bank of the Nile in the Heracleopolite nome, possibly Hibeh itself; cf. pp. 9-10.

7. In 68. 5 the topogrammateus is Petimouthes son of Thotortaeus; but the patronymic here is certainly different, and since the villages are not the same in the two papyrus and Petimouthes is not an uncommon name, it is unlikely that a single person is meant.

9. Perhaps τοῦ] κομογραμματέως; cf. 68. 5-6, note. But there would be room for a short name like Ὀρου.

10-11. A papyrus belonging to Prof. Gradenwitz, containing a receipt issued by the παραλημπτὰ δημοσίων ἱματίων for differently coloured cloths, indicates that the government control of the supply of such materials continued into the Roman period.

12-4. The abbreviation μη() consists of a μ with an η written above (the μ being square in l. 12 and rounded in l. 20), πρ() of a π with a ρ drawn through it; the former possibly stands for μήρυγμα (cf. note on ll. 34-5), the latter might be connected with the προσκεφάλαια which occur in Rev. Laws cii. 7. The σ of ἰσ(τοί?) is written in the form of a capital as in the symbol for 200, the ι being a long stroke drawn through it. In the case of βυο() the three letters are written one above the other, the υ being a good-sized curve immediately over the β, and the third letter a small thick mark which at l. 21 is slightly elongated, suggesting a β or an ι rather than an ο; in 68. 7 it is a mere dot. In l. 21 the curve is slightly turned over and thickened at the left end and might be interpreted as ου; but this feature is not noticeable in l. 13 or 68. 7. βυσ, i. e. βυσ(σίνων), can certainly not be read. The prices of the different fabrics work out as follows:—μη() and πρ() cost 11 dr. 4 ob. each, βυο() 9 dr. 2 ob., and σορώα 8 dr.; in 68 the scale is the same and ἱμά(τια?) also appear, costing 7 dr. apiece.

15. ἀλλα(γή): the rate is $\frac{3}{4}$ obol on the stater, which is identical with that in 68. 9 and 51. 6, where the word ἐπαλλαγή is used. The prices are calculated on a silver basis (πρὸς ἀργύριον), and in making payment in copper (cf. l. 30) the government allowed a small agio. The usual rate of the agio on payments in copper at this period was about $2\frac{1}{2}$ obols on the stater; cf. P. Petrie III. p. 86, where the data are collected (add P. Petrie III. 67 (a). 2, (δ). 14, 117 (e). 12, 15). The difference is probably to be accounted for by the fact that in the present case the government was not receiving, but paying.

34-5. The numbers suggest that the reference is again to different sorts of cloth and that -βων and -γμάτων may be the termination of two of the words abbreviated in ll. 12 sqq. The figures, however, do not help to identify them, since the number 2 does not occur in the foregoing list, and so ll. 33-5 cannot be a repetition of it. -γμάτων might possibly be μηρυγμάτων, though that term means the thread rather than the material woven from it; cf. Hesych. μήρυγμα, σπείραμα ἢ ἐκτεινόμενον, and μήρυσμα, κατάγμα ἢ σπᾶσμα ἐρίου. As for -βων, there is one β if not two (cf. note on ll. 12-4) in βυ(), but we can find no likely word. Line 35 is probably, though not certainly, the conclusion of the document.

68. LETTER CONCERNING PAYMENT OF CLOTH-WORKERS.

Mummy 10.

Breadth 11 cm.

About B.C. 228.

A letter, similar to 67, from Asclepiades to Clitarchus, authorizing payment to be made to a number of weavers for cloths of various kinds manufactured by them; cf. 67, introd. The writing is across the fibres of the papyrus.

[Ἀσκληπ]ιάδης Κλε[τά]ρχωι χα[ί]ρειν.

[δδ]ς ἀπὸ τῶν πιπτόντων εἰς τὸ . . (ἔτος)

Ἀθὺρ τοῖς ἐν Χοιβνώτμει ὑπογεγ[ραμμένοις

ὑφάνταις διὰ Διονυσίου τοῦ παρ' Ἀπο[λλω]νίου

5 καὶ Πετειμούθου τοῦ Θοτορταίου τοπογρ(αμματέως) κ[αὶ]

κωμογρ(αμματέως) εἰς τιμὰς ὀθονίων τῶν συντελουμένων

εἰς τὸ βασιλικὸν μη() οὐδ' ὧξγ (δυοβόλους), βυ() κα ραγ,

σορωί(ων) μβ τλς, ἰμα(τίων) κα ρμζ, / ἰσ(τοῖ) ρνη (δραχμαὶ) Ἀφμβ [(δυό-

βολοι),

ἐπαλ(λαγῆς) μη (ὀβολός) (τέταρτον), / Ἀφγ (τριώβολον) (τέταρτον), σύμ-

βολον δὲ ποιήσαι

10 πρὸς αὐτούς. ἀπὸ δὲ τούτων ὑπόλο(γον) π[οίησαι]

ἀνθ' οὗ γράφει Ἀπολλώνιος ἔχειν Εὐφρά[νορα]

παρὰ τῶν α . . . εὐων παιν . . . ιτ . σι . . . [.

τιν Πασωτ[.] . τ . . [. .] φ . . . [.

69. LETTER OF ASCLEPIADES TO CLITARCHUS.

Mummy 10.

15.6 x 7 cm.

B.C. 230 (229).

A short letter from Asclepiades (cf. 67-8), directing Clitarchus (cf. 66, introd.) to come to him bringing an account and the balance of some money. The writing is across the fibres of the papyrus.

Ἀσκληπιάδης
 Κλειτάρχωι χαίρειν.
 παραγίνου τῇ
 ἡ τοῦ Ἀθὺρ κομίζων
 5 τὸν τε λόγον τοῦ
 Φαῶφι καὶ τὰ περιόν-
 τα χρήματα,
 [καὶ] μὴ ἄλλως ποιή-
 [σηις.]
 10 ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) ιη Ἀθὺρ ε.
 3. ου of παραγινου corr. from εσθε.

‘Asclepiades to Clitarchus, greeting. Come up on the 8th of Athur bringing both the account of Phaophi and the balance of the money, without fail. Good-bye. The 18th year, Athur 5.’

70 (a). LETTER OF ZOILUS TO CLITARCHUS.

Mummy 10.

15.4 x 7.6 cm.

B.C. 229-8 (228-7).

A letter from Zoilus telling the banker Clitarchus (cf. 66, introd.) that a payment of 10 drachmae was due from another Zoilus for the 5 per cent. (ἐγκύκλιον) tax on a purchase of land. 70 (b) and 163 are similar notifications of payments due to the bank for the ἐγκύκλιον. The writer was most probably the farmer of the tax, and these documents represent the διαγραφαί which figure in the common formula of ἐγκύκλιον receipts, τέτακται ἐπὶ τὴν τράπεζαν ἐγκυκλίου κατὰ διαγραφὴν τελωνῶν; cf. e. g. P. Amh. 52.

The view of Revillout (*Proc. Soc. Bibl. Arch.* xiv. p. 120 sqq.) that the rate of the ἐγκύκλιον tax, which according to him was fixed by Psammetichus at $\frac{1}{10}$,

was reduced in the 9th year of Epiphanes to $\frac{1}{20}$, has already been refuted, as Wilcken points out (*Osst.* I. p. 183), by P. Petrie III. 57 (*b*), which proves that the rate of $\frac{1}{20}$ existed in the 4th year of that king. The Hibeh papyri now carry this rate back to the reign of Euergetes I, and we suspect that Revillout's account of the early history of the tax is altogether erroneous. It is very unlikely that the Ptolemies lowered a rate which they found already established; the tendency of their finance was rather in the opposite direction.

Ζωίλος Κλειτάρχωι
χαίρειν. δέξαι παρὰ
Ζωίλου τοῦ Πτολε-
μαίου Σινωπέως
5 ἀρουρῶν) κ̣ συκαμνοα-
κανθίνου λιτοῦ
ἃς ἐπρίατο παρὰ
Βίωνος τοῦ Φιλήμο-
νος Ἐρετριέως χαλ-
10 κοῦ πρὸς ἀργύριον
[(δραχμῶν) σ] κ' (δραχμὰς) δέκα.
ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) ιθ
[

‘Zoilus to Clitarchus, greeting. Receive from Zoilus son of Ptolemaeus, of Sinope, on account of 20 arourae of smooth (?) mulberry-acanthus land, which he has bought from Bion son of Philemon, Eretrian, for 200 drachmae of copper on the silver standard, the twentieth, namely 10 drachmae. Good-bye. The 19th year . . .’

5. The letters at the beginning of this line are broken, but it is clear that the abbreviation for ἀρουρῶν, if that be the word meant, is written in an abnormal manner, the usual stroke above the line being replaced by a small o; the supposed α and ρ are also very doubtful. But both the tenor of the document and the analogy of 70 (*b*) and 163 make ἀρουρῶν here almost indispensable. λιτοῦ in l. 6 is also a difficulty; we can find no parallel for the application of the adjective λιτός to land. There is, however, hardly any doubt about the reading; the only possible substitutes for the first two letters are α and ρ, but these are much less satisfactory.

9. χαλκοῦ πρὸς ἀργύριον: i. e. copper at a discount. An agio of about 10 per cent. was usually charged for payments in copper which ought to have been in silver; cf. 67. 15, note, and 109. 6.

70 (δ). LETTER TO CLITARCHUS.

Mummy 10.

7.5 × 7.1 cm.

About B.C. 228.

Conclusion of another notification, no doubt addressed like 70 (α) to Clitarchus, that 2 drachmae were due to the bank for the ἐγκύκλιον tax on a purchase of land. The vendor is described as a Perso-Egyptian (Περσαιγύπτιος), i.e., presumably, the son of a mixed marriage.

μάχιμος Ἡρακ[λε-
 σπολίτης ἀμπέ-
 λου (ἀρούρας) ἀδ' [[ης]] ἦν
 ἐπρίατο κατ' [Αἰ-
 5 γυπτίας συγγρα-
 φὰς παρὰ Ἀσφεᾶ
 ὄνρου Περσαιγυπτί-
 ου περὶ κώμην Τμοι-
 νεθῦμιν (δραχμῶν) μ' κ' β.
 10 [ἔρωσο. (ἔτους) . . .]

'(Payment is due from) . . . , native soldier, of Heracleopolis, on account of 1½ arourae of vine-land bought by him in accordance with Egyptian contracts from Aspheas son of Horus, Perso-Egyptian, near the village of Tmoinethumis for 40 drachmae, the twentieth, namely 2 drachmae. Good-bye. The . . . th year . . . '

1. The formula must have differed slightly from that in 70 (α). Probably ὀφείλει took the place of δέξει παρά.

8. Τμοινεθῦμιν: cf. 163; in 80. 7 the name is spelled with an initial Θ.

71. CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING A STRIKE.

Mummy A 11.

8.5 × 11.7 cm.

B.C. 245 (244).

A fragment of a series of official letters concerning a strike of slaves employed in a stone-quarry. Lines 4-11 contain a copy of a letter from Antiochus to Dorion forwarding a letter from Aenesidemus, of which only the beginning is preserved (ll. 12-4), and ordering the immediate arrest of the offenders. Lines 1-3 are the conclusion of a letter which may be from Dorion

to the φυλακίται. From 72, in which Antiochus and Dorion recur, it appears that the latter was an epistates (sc. φυλακιστῶν) probably at Phebichis, and the quarry in question was most likely on the east bank in the neighbourhood of that village, possibly at Hibeh itself; cf. pp. 9-10. The third year, in which the correspondence took place, no doubt refers to the reign of Euergetes.

[19 letters ἐπιστολῆς [

[13 „ ἀντιγραφ[. .] γινέσθω . . . [

. ἀναφερ[. . .] ἔρρωσθε. (ἔτους) γ Θωδθ κ .

Ἀντίοχος Δωρίωνι χαίρειν. τῆς ἐπιστολῆς

5 ἧς γέγραφεν ἡμῖν Αἰνησίδημος περὶ τῶν

ἀνακεχωρηκότων σωμάτων ἐκ τῆς ἐν

Κεφαλαῖς λατομίας ἀπέσταλκά σοι τὰ ν-

τίγραφα. ὥς ἂν οὖν λάβῃς τὰ γράμματα

τὴν πᾶσαν σπουδὴν ποιῆσαι ὅπως ἀνα-

10 ζητηθέντες ἀποσταλῶσι πρὸς ἡμᾶς

μετὰ φυλακῆς. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) γ Θ[ω]δθ [.]

Αἰνησίδημος Ἀντίοχῳ χαίρειν. Α . δ . [.]

Πάσιτος Ἀφροδιτοπολίτης [καὶ . . .] . . . [.]

. . . ιτος Ἡρακλεοπολίτης . [

4-11. 'Antiochus to Dorion, greeting. I have sent you a copy of the letter which Aenesidemus has written to me about the slaves who have deserted from the stone-quarry at Cephalae. As soon as you receive this letter use every effort to search for them, and send them to me under guard. Good-bye. The 3rd year, Thoth.'

6. σωμάτων: slaves were also employed in the quarries in the Fayûm near Lake Moeris (cf. P. Petrie II. 4 (2). 5 and 4 (9). 4), but there the λατόμοι proper were free wage-earners; cf. P. Petrie II. 13 (1). 1 ἐλευθεροῦ λατόμων. For ἀνακεχωρηκότων cf. P. Tebt. 26. 18 and 41. 14, where strikes of βασιλικοὶ γεωργοί are referred to.

72. CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING A TEMPLE SEAL.

Mummy A 7.

17 × 35 cm.

B. C. 241 (240).

The subject of this lengthy text is the disappearance of the official seal belonging to the temple of Heracles at Phebichis. A large piece is unfortunately missing from the upper part of the papyrus, but the sense except in one or two

passages is nevertheless clear. The body of the document is occupied by a copy of a petition from Petosiris, high-priest of the temple, addressed to Dorion the epistates. The seal, it appears, had been missing for five months; and Petosiris had written previously to Dorion accusing a certain Chesmenis, a priest, and his son Semtheus of having stolen it. Information had also been given to the basilicogrammateus, but inquiries had led to no result. Dorion was therefore requested to take further steps. An official was accordingly sent, and the petition is succeeded by a copy of his report. Chesmenis on being questioned denied that he had the seal, but the next day four other priests volunteered the information that it was all the while in the sanctuary—of which Chesmenis seems to have been in charge—but said that they were afraid that if they gave it to the high-priest, he would use it for a common indictment against them. These two documents are inclosed in a short covering note from Dorion to Antiochus, who also appear in conjunction in 71. 4. It is noticeable that there Antiochus' name precedes that of Dorion, while here the positions are reversed. Since the papyri are practically contemporary and belong to the same find (cf. p. 11), there is good reason for assuming the identity of the persons. It will follow that the position of the names of writer and addressee is no surer guide to their relative dignity in the third century B. C. than in the second; cf. P. Tebt. 13. 2, note, and 22, introd. Except in formal petitions, the writer of a letter seems to have usually placed his own name first.

It is remarkable that in ll. 6–7 the high-priest accuses Chesmenis of having abstracted the seal in order to use it for letters to Manetho. The manner in which this name is introduced indicates that its bearer was a well-known man, and seeing that the persons concerned are priests, it is not impossible that we here have a reference to the famous writer on Egyptian history and religion, who was himself a priest, probably of Sebennytyus. If that be so he lived later than has been generally supposed. Hardly any details concerning Manetho's life are known, but according to Plutarch (*De Is. et Osir.* 28) he was consulted by Ptolemy Soter. That he should be still alive and active in the 6th year of Euergetes is surprising, but not absolutely inconsistent with Plutarch's statement, if Manetho lived to a great age.

Δωρίων Ἀντίδχῳ χαίρειν. τοῦ πρὸς [μὲ 15 letters ὑπομνή]ματος παρὰ
Πετοσίριος τοῦ
ἀρχιερέως τοῦ ἐμ Φεβίχει Ἑρακλέους Εὐθῆ. [. ἱεροῦ, καὶ τῶν
ἐπι]δ[ο]θέντων παρὰ τῶν ἱερέων
ὑπογέγραφέ σοι τὰ ἀντίγραφα· ἀξιῶ σε ἐν. [22 letters] ἔρρωσο.
(ἔτους) 5 Φαμενώθ ζ.

- ὑπόμνημα. Δωρίωνι ἐπιστάτῃ παρὰ [Πετοσίριος ἀρχιερέως. πρότ]ερὸν
 σοι ἐνεφάνισα ἐν τῷ Χοίαχ
 5 μηνὶ περὶ τῆς σφραγίδος τοῦ ἱεροῦ διότι [. αὐτὴν Χεσμῆνις]
 καὶ Σεμβεὺς ὁ υἱὸς ἐν τῷ Ἀθὺρ μηνὶ
 ἄπὸ ἐνάτης, τοῦτο δὲ ἐπ[ρ]ᾶξεν πρὸς τὸ σ[22 letters] ὧν [ἀ]ν βού-
 λωνται γράφειν Μανε-
 θῶι καὶ οὗς ἂν βούλωνται. προσαγγέλλω οὖν 18 letters ἐπεὶ] ο[ὐ]
 δυνάμεθα χρήσασθαι ἄλλῃ
 [σφ]ραγίδι, ἐδώκαμεν δὲ ἐν τῷ Χοίαχ μηνὶ 21 letters] . [.] τῷ παρὰ
 Ἀρνώτου βασιλικῷ
 [γρ]αμματεῖ περὶ τούτων ὑπόμν[η]μα [ἀξιῶν 19 letters] . [.] αμον ἀπε-
 σταλκότα πρὸς
 10 Ἀρνώτην Νεχθεμμέως τὸν πρότε[ρ]ον [ἐν τῷ ἀδύτῳ ὄντα καὶ τὸν ν]ῦν
 ὑπάρχοντα Χεσμῆνιν
 [. . .] . [.] πυθέσθαι περὶ τῆς σφραγίδος [24 letters] ας παρὰ Σεμ-
 θέως τοῦ Χεσμῆ-
 [νι]ο[ς] . [π] . [ἐ]ι[.] νη φσπρ . τ[. . .] . υ[.] . [14 letters ἐ-
 λ]ηφέναι. καλῶς οὖν ποιήσεις
 [εἴ] σ[ο]ι δοκεῖ μ[. . .] ἀποστεῖλαι τινα πρὸς] αὐτοῦ[ς] ε[.] [.]
 . [.] ος τοῦ Παούτος καὶ Ἀρνώτου
 τοῦ Νεχθεμμέως περὶ τούτου καὶ γράψα[ι] ἡμῖν πρὸς ον τὸν στρα-
 [τη]γ[ό]ν. εὐτύχει.
 15 (ἔτους) 5. Φαμενὼθ 5. ἀποσταλεῖς Ἀριστόνικος πρὸς τὸν [ἐν τῷ] ἀδύτῳ
 Χ[ε]σμῆ[ν]ιν ἐπὶ πρῶτα εἰ ὑπάρχει ἐν τῷ
 ἱερῷ [τ .] ἢ σφραγὶς ἥι χρῶνται οἱ [ἐ]ρ[ε]ῖς πρὸς τὰς γραφ[θ]ησο]μένας ἐπι-
 στολάς, Χεσμῆνις δὲ οὐκ ἔφη ἔχειν.
 τῇ δ[ε] 5 παραγενόμενοι Θεοτοταῖος Ἀ[ρ]μαχόρου Ἀρμάχορος Νεχθεμμέ-
 [ο]ν[ς] Ἰμούθης Πνάσιο[ς] Ἀρνώτης Νε-
 χθεμέους τῇ μὲν σφραγίδα ὡμολόγουν ὑπάρχειν ἐν τῷ ἀδύτῳ, τῷ[ι] δὲ]
 ἀρχιερεῖ οὐ[κ] ἔφασαν πιστεύειν
 ἵνα μὴ κυριεύσας κοινὴν ἐπιστολὴν κατὰ πάντων γράψας σφραγίσ[η]ται
 αὐ[τ]ῇ τῇ σφραγίδι.

On the verso

20 Ἀντιόχῳ []

2. Second ε of φεβίχει inserted after ι was written.

8. 1. βασιλικῷ γραμματέως?

'Dorion to Antiochus, greeting. I have written below for you copies of the memorandum addressed to me by Petosiris the high-priest of the temple of Heracles Eu . . . at Phebichis and the declaration presented by the priests. I beg you to (take cognizance of the matter?). Good-bye. The 6th year, Phamenoth 7.

'Memorandum. To Dorion the epistates from Petosiris, high-priest. I made a previous statement to you in the month of Choiak about the seal of the temple, that it was abstracted by Chesmenis and his son Semtheus on the ninth of the month Athur, which he did in order to (seal?) anything they may wish to write to Manetho and any other persons they please. I therefore report the matter to you, since we cannot use any other seal; and in the month of Choiak I presented a memorandum on the subject to . . . agent of Haruotes the basilico-grammateus(?), requesting him to send . . . to Haruotes son of Nechthemmeus, who was formerly in the sanctuary, and Chesmenis, who is now there, to inquire about the seal; and he (reported, having learnt?) from Semtheus son of Chesmenis, that . . . had (not?) taken it. You will therefore do well, if it please you, to send some one to them . . . son of Paous, and Haruotes son of Nechthemmeus concerning this matter, and write for me to . . . the strategus. Farewell.

'The 6th year, Phamenoth 6. Aristonicus having been sent to Chesmenis who is in the sanctuary asked him if the seal which the priests used for the letters that they had to write was in the temple; and Chesmenis denied that he had it. On the 7th, however, Thotortaeus son of Harmachorus, Harmachorus son of Nechthemmeus, Imouthes son of Pnasis, and Haruotes son of Nechthemmeus came and confessed that the seal was in the sanctuary; but they said they did not trust it to the high-priest, lest when he obtained possession of it he should write a letter accusing them all and seal it with the actual seal. (Addressed) To Antiochus.'

1. Petosiris the high-priest is also mentioned in 131.

2. Εὐθε . . . seems to be an unknown epithet of Heracles; the third letter looks like θ but this may be due to some ink having come off from another papyrus, in which case σ might be read. Perhaps, however, ἱεροῦ did not follow, and εὐθε . . . need not then refer to 'Ηρακλείους at all. For the cult of Heracles, i.e. Hershef, cf. the mention of a 'Ηρακλείον in 110. 5.

3. ἀξιώ σε εν . . . : or perhaps ἀξιώσας ν . . . The doubt is caused by some extraneous ink; cf. note on l. 2.

6. σφραγίσασθαι is the natural word, but the genitive δν is not easy to account for.

9. There remains only the tip of the letter before μον, but it is sufficient to exclude μάχιμον.

10. The supplement after πρότερ[ο]ν is suggested by l. 15.

11-2. This passage is too much damaged for complete reconstruction. Something like ὁ δὲ αὐτῷ ἀπήγγειλεν ἀκούσ[ας] παρὰ Σεμβέως . . . τούτους μὴ εἰλ[ηφέναι] (sc. τὴν σφραγίδα) or τὸν δαίνα εἰλ[ηφέναι] may have been written.

13. After π[ρὸς] αὐτοῖ[ς] some such supplement as πεισόμενον παρὰ suggests itself, but the traces of letters are so scanty that they can hardly be identified.

14. π[ρὸς] . . . τ[ὸν] στρα[τη]γ[ό]ν is not very satisfactory, but στρα cannot be avoided, and the other letters, though not certain, suit the vestiges.

16. γραφ[θησο]μένας: the future is not wanted, but γραφ[ο]μένας does not fill the space. Possibly, however, there was a flaw in the papyrus, which the writer left blank.

73. LETTER OF ANTIGONUS TO DORION.

Mummies 69 and 70.

23.5 × 12.9 cm.

B. C. 243-2.

A letter from Antigonus to the epistates Dorion (who is different from the Dorion in 72) recounting the same events which are the subject of 34, a petition of Antigonus to the king; cf. introd. to that papyrus. This document, like 34, is only a draft, and is full of additions and corrections; it is written on the verso, the recto being blank.

Ἀντίγ[ονος Δωρί]ωνι χαίρειν. ἔ[γραψας περὶ Καλλιδρό-
^{τ[οῦ Καλλικρά]του}
μου ὥ[στε ἔ]τι καὶ νῦν ἐπαν[αγκάσαι αὐτὸν τὸν ὄνον
^{[τῷ κυρί]ῳ}
ἀποδοῦν[αι ἢ τι]μὴν αὐτῷ [. . . [17 letters
ὁ Καλλίδρο[μος] δὲ τὸν Δωρίων[α 16 "]
^{ὅπως} [. . .] ^[ἐνέγκη]
5 [καὶ εἰαν . . .] ρη[] δ . να ἀπολυ[17 "]
πρᾶξαι δ[ὲ αὐ]τὸν τιμὴν τοῦ ὄνου (δραχμὰς) κ. ἐγὼ οὖν ἡσυ-
χῇ μὲν κα[τὰ τὴν] [π] γραφείσαν μοι ὑπὸ σοῦ ἐπιστολὴν
ἀπήγαγον [τὸν] Κ[α]λλίδ[ρο]μον εἰς τὸ ἐν Σινάρῳ δεσμο-
τήριον ἵνα τ[ὸ] ὑποδ[ύ]γιον ἀπ[ο]δῶι Δωρίωνι, Πάτρων δὲ
^{ἀρχι} ^{τῇ[s] κάτω] τοπαρχίας}
10 ὁ φυλακίτης παρ[α]γε[ν]όμενος[ς] εἰς τὸ δεσμοτήριον
^{τὸ ἐν Σινάρῳ}
ἐξήγαγεν τὸν Καλλίδρομον [ἐκ τοῦ δεσμοτηρίου
^{ἡμᾶς} ^{κατὰ τὸ}
ὥστε μὴ δύνασθαι τὴν πρᾶξιν ποιήσασθαι [ἐκ τοῦ
^{διάγραμμα}
[σωματος] τόν τε ὄνον ἀναγαγ[ὼν εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν
^{ἐν Τακόναι}
καὶ ἔχων παρ' αὐτῷ ἐγ μέσου ἀφῆιρκεν αὐτόν.
15 εἰ οὖν μὴ ἡρρωστήσαμεν ἐπ[16 letters
^[αν]
[ον] εἰλήφειν ἂν παρ' αὐτοῦ διὰ [τινος μαχαιροφό-
ρου. ἔγραψα οὖν σοι περὶ τούτων [ὅπως εἰδήης εἶναι
αἴτιον τοῦ μὴ γενέσθαι τῷ Δωρίωνι ἀπόδοσιν τὴν
Πάτρωνος βίαν, δς ἀπειθῶν δια[τετέλεκε τοῖς πα-
20 ρὰ σοῦ προστάγμασιν. ἔ[ρρωσο. (ἔτους) δ

‘Antigonus to Dorion, greeting. You wrote to me about Callidromus, now at last to compel him either to give up the donkey to its master or to pay him its value. But Callidromus . . . to exact from him the value of the donkey, 20 drachmae. I therefore in accordance with the letter which you wrote to me removed Callidromus quietly to the prison at Sinaru in order that he might restore the animal to Dorion. But Patron the archiphylacites of the lower toparchy came to the prison at Sinaru and released Callidromus from the prison, so that I was not able to carry out the execution according to the edict; and he took away the donkey to his house and has removed it from my reach by keeping it with him at Takona. If I were not unwell I should have taken it from him through one of the sword-bearers. So I write to you about it in order that you may know that the reason why restitution has not been made to Dorion is the violence of Patron, who has continued to disobey your orders. Good-bye. The 4th year . . .’

2. The insertion above the line suggests a patronymic, and cf. 34. 2 Καλλίδρομον Καλλι-κράτους; but τ[οῦ Καλλικρά]του (cf. e.g. 111. 32 [Θη]ραμένου) is rather long for the lacuna.

3. τῶι κυρίῳι: cf. 34. 3.

4-5. The construction and sense of these two lines is obscure. With regard to the insertion above l. 5, there is a space both after ὅπως and before ἐνέγκη. It is doubtful whether the erasure below extends beyond ρη; at any rate να was left untouched, though perhaps if ἵνα was written the interlinear ὅπως was intended to replace it. Above the end of l. 4 there are slight traces of ink which may represent another insertion.

6. (δραχμᾶς) κ: cf. 34. 3. ἡσυχῇ is written with an iota adscript also in P. Petrie I. 19. 5 and III. 8. 5.

7. ὑπὸ σοῦ ἐπιστολήν: cf. 34. 2 κατὰ πρόσταγμα Δωρίωνος.

9-10. Cf. note on 34. 1.

12. [[εκ του] σώματος]: cf. 34. 8.

16. μαχαιροφόρον: μαχαιροφόροι are frequently met with in the second century B.C. (cf. P. Tebt. 35. 13, note), but there seems to be no other mention of them in the third. ρον might also be the termination of a proper name; but the supplement we have suggested is more suitable to the context.

74. ORDER FOR PAYMENT.

Mummy A.

8 × 24.2 cm.

About B. C. 250.

A letter from one official to another, authorizing a payment of olyra (durra) to three persons who are probably minor officials. The conclusion of the document, which belongs to the reign of Philadelphus or Euergetes, is lost. An interesting conversion of artabae on the δοχικόν measure into artabae on the ἀνηλωτικόν measure occurs in ll. 2-3, but the proportion of 40:38 which is found here brings the evidence of this papyrus into conflict with that from other sources; cf. note on l. 2. The writing is across the fibres.

1 [.] 12 letters] χα[ι]ρειν. μέτρησον Νοβώνχι χιριστ[ῆ]ι καὶ
"Ωρωι

- 2 Σεμθέως καὶ Ἀρσεμφθε[ί] τῶι παρὰ Τε[ῶ]το[ς] ὀλυρ(ῶν) (ἀρτάβας) 'Βτξή
 Λδ' μέτρῳι δοχικῶι,
 3 [ῶ]στε γ[ί]νεσ[θ]αι ἀνηλωτικῶι 'Βφ, σύμβολα δὲ ποιῆσαι πρ[ὸ]ς αὐτο[ὺς] β,
 τὸ μὲν ἐν εἰς τὸ Κλεομάχου ὄνομα
 4 (ἀρταβῶν) 'Αχ ὃ γίνεται ἀνηλωτικῶι [(ἀρτάβαι) 'Αχ]πδ, τὸ δ' ἕτερον εἰς
 τοῖμόν ὄνομα (ἀρταβῶν) ψξηλδ',
 5 ὥστε γίνεσθαι ἀνηλ[ω]τικῶι (ἀρτάβας) ωις, τὰ δὲ σύμβ[ο]λα ποιῆσαι πρὸς
 αὐτοὺς καθὰ ὑπογέ-
 6 γρα[πτ]αί σοι. μεμετρ[η] 16 letters γρ[α]μματέως τῆς Ζω[ί]λο[υ] [νομ]αρχίας
 7 [.]τ[.]...ν...ατ[ί] 28 letters [κωε[.]...π

On the verso

κε.

3. [ω]στε added in the margin. ἀνηλωτικῶι above the line. 4. 1. τοῖμόν.

'... greeting. Measure to Nobonchis the agent, and Horus son of Semtheus, and Harsemphtheus the subordinate of Teos 2368 $\frac{3}{4}$ artabae of olyra on the receiving measure, which are on the spending measure 2500, and make two receipts with them, one in the name of Cleomachus for 1600 artabae, equivalent to 1684 on the spending measure, the other in my name for 768 $\frac{3}{4}$ artabae, equivalent to 816 on the spending measure, and make the receipts with them as herein instructed...'

2. 2368 $\frac{3}{4}$ artabae on the δοχικόν measure were equivalent to 2500 on the ἀνηλωτικόν measure, being subdivided in ll. 4-5 into 1600 δοχ. (which = 1684 ἀνηλ.) + 768 $\frac{3}{4}$ δοχ. (which = 816 ἀνηλ.); the missing figures are supplied by the arithmetic. As often happens in conversions from one standard to another, the ratios implied are not quite consistent, being approximately 71 : 75, 400 : 421, and 161 : 171 in the three cases respectively. A proportion of about 20 : 21 seems to be that aimed at, i.e. 1 art. δοχ. = 1 $\frac{1}{20}$ ἀνηλ. The sizes and names of the different kinds of artabae mentioned in papyri give rise to many problems; for the most recent discussions of them cf. P. Tebt. I. pp. 232-3, and Hultsch, *Archiv*, III. pp. 426-9. On the one hand there is a series of artabae ranging from 40 (or 42) to 24 choenices, and on the other a series of artabae on measures which bear the names δρόμου, ἀνηλωτικόν, Γάλλου, Φιλίππου, Ἑρμοῦ, χαλκοῦν, φορικόν, θησανρικόν, and δοχικόν, to which may now be added the artaba μέτρῳι τῶι χοι τῶι βασιλικῶι (84 (α). 6, 90. 11), and the art. μετρῳι α. () of apparently 40 choenices in 119. 18. The main difficulty lies in the fact that although the relative sizes of the first six of the artabae in the second series are known from P. Brit. Mus. 265, in no case hitherto has there been direct evidence to connect any of these six with an artaba of the first series. In order therefore to determine the number of choenices in the artabae of the second series it is necessary to start from an assumption that one particular artaba in it is identical with an artaba in the first, or at any rate has a definite number of choenices. In P. Tebt. I. c. we took as our starting-point the supposed identity of the artaba δοχικῶν, which was known to be an official measure and was shown by P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 390 to be $\frac{6}{7}$ of an artaba δρόμου, with

the artaba of 36 choenices often found in official corn-accounts in P. Tebt. I. From that primary assumption we concluded that the art. δρόμω in P. Tebt. 61 (δ) and P. Brit. Mus. 265 contained 42 choen., the art. ἀνηλωτικῶ 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ choen., and the art. χαλκῶ 32 $\frac{1}{16}$ choen. Hultsch on the other hand, starting from the assumption that the art. δρόμω contained 40 choen. attributes 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ choen. to the art. χαλκῶ and 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ choen. to the art. ἀνηλωτικῶ. The art. δοχικῶ, which in P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 390 stood at a ratio of 6 : 7 to the art. δρόμω, is not taken into consideration by Hultsch; it would on his view of the size of the art. δρόμω contain 34 $\frac{2}{7}$ choen. Applying these rival theories to the present passage, which gives the relative sizes of the art. δοχικῶ and ἀνηλωτικῶ, the ratio of 21 : 20 there indicated is equally inconsistent with our proposed ratio of 36 : 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ and Hultsch's ratio of 34 $\frac{2}{7}$: 29 $\frac{3}{4}$; and it is clear that whatever view be taken of the number of choenices in the artabae δρόμω and δοχικῶ in P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 383, it is impossible to combine the evidence of that passage with 74. 2 and P. Brit. Mus. 265 except by supposing either that there are one or more errors in the arithmetic of the conversions, or, what is more likely, that one at least of the three artabae δοχικῶ, δρόμω, and ἀνηλωτικῶ, was capable of variation in size. The inconsistency between the ratio of the art. δοχικῶ and ἀνηλωτικῶ found in 74 and the ratio of them found by combining P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 383 with P. Brit. Mus. 265 is easily intelligible, if e.g. the art. δοχικῶ in 74 is not the same as the art. δοχικῶ in P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 390, or if the art. δρόμω in P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 390 is different from the art. δρόμω in P. Brit. Mus. 265, or if the art. ἀνηλωτικῶ in 74 is different from the art. ἀνηλωτικῶ in P. Brit. Mus. 265. But without further evidence it is impossible to detect by which of these three possible entrances the inconsistency has crept in. The ratio of 21 : 20 between the art. δοχικῶ and ἀνηλωτικῶ found in 74 is thus irreconcilable for the present with the other evidence for the relation of those two measures, but does it correspond to the ratio of the art. ἀνηλωτικῶ to any other known artaba? The answer to that question is in the affirmative. The ratio of the art. χαλκῶ to the art. ἀνηλωτικῶ in P. Brit. Mus. 265 is also 21 : 20; and from this correspondence it follows that, provided that the art. ἀνηλωτικῶ is the same in both papyri, the art. δοχικῶ in 74 is approximately identical with the art. χαλκῶ. Cf. also P. Petrie III. 129 (a). 4 διάφορον ἀνηλωτικῶ (πυροῦ) ρλε ἀν(ά) ε ρ / αβ', where '5 per cent on 135 art.' seems to correspond, as Smyly remarks, to the ratio of 21 : 20 between the art. χαλκῶ and ἀνηλωτικῶ in P. Brit. Mus. 265, though how the total of 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ artabae was reached is quite obscure. The present volume supplies some important evidence as to the size of the art. χαλκῶ: cf. 85. 18 μέτρων τῶι (ἐννεακαίκοσι)χ(οινίκοι) τῶι πρὸς τὸ χαλκοῦν. The phrase τῶι πρὸς τὸ χαλκοῦν, which is also found e.g. in P. Amh. 43. 10 and P. Cairo 10250 (*Archiv*, II. p. 80) without any previous specification of the number of choenices, suggests that this art. of 29 choen. is the art. χαλκῶ of P. Brit. Mus. 265. This inference is, however, far from certain, because the standard measures, whatever their size, were probably all made in bronze (cf. P. Tebt. 5. 85 τὰ ἐν(σταθμα) ἐν ἐκάστῳ νομῶι ἀποδεδειγμένα χα(λκᾶ), sc. μέτρα), and the art. χαλκῶ may well have varied in size, as we have found reason to believe was the case with one at any rate of the art. δρόμω, δοχικῶ, and ἀνηλωτικῶ. But assuming that the art. χαλκῶ in P. Brit. Mus. 265 contained 29 choenices we can deduce the approximate sizes of the other artabae in that papyrus as follows:—

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|
| χαλκῶ : δρόμω | = 25 : 32 | ∴ δρόμω | = 37 $\frac{3}{5}$ choen. |
| χαλκῶ : ἀνηλωτικῶ | = 21 : 20 | ∴ ἀνηλ. | = 27 $\frac{1}{21}$ „ |
| χαλκῶ : Φιλίππου | = 10 : 11 | ∴ Φιλίππου | = 31 $\frac{9}{10}$ „ |
| χαλκῶ : Γάλλου | = 200 : 207 | ∴ Γάλλου | = 30 $\frac{3}{207}$ „ |
| χαλκῶ : Ἑρμοῦ | = 25 : 26 | ∴ Ἑρμοῦ | = 30 $\frac{4}{25}$ „ |

Applying this to the three artabae, φορικῶ, θησαυρικῶ, and another unnamed, in P. Brit.

Mus. 125, the ratios of which to each other correspond almost exactly to those of the art. δρόμῳ, χαλκῷ, and Ἐρμού in P. Brit. Mus. 265, we should obtain $37\frac{3}{25}$ choen. for the art. φορικῷ, 29 for the art. θησαυρικῷ, and $30\frac{4}{25}$ for the unnamed art.; and with regard to 74. 2 the art. δοχικῷ, being apparently identical with that χαλκῷ, would contain 29 choen., and if the art. δοχικῷ in P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 390 also has 29 choen. the art. δρόμῳ there contains $34\frac{5}{8}$ art. There is a considerable element of uncertainty in these figures owing to the doubt attaching to the fundamental assumption that the art. of 29 choen. πρὸς τὸ χαλκοῦν in 85. 13 is identical with the art. χαλκῷ in P. Brit. Mus. 265; but there seems to be as much evidence for that hypothesis as for either the assumption that the art. δοχικῷ in P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 390 contains 36 choen., which was the basis of our previous calculations, or the assumption that the art. δρόμῳ contains 40 choen., which is the basis of Hultsch's scheme. The phrase used in P. Tebt. 105. 40 and 109. 20 μέτρῳι ἐξαχυνίκοι δρόμον τοῦ ἐν τῇ προγεγραμμένη κώμῃ (sc. Κερκεοσίρει) Σουχίου distinctly indicates that the μέτρον δρόμου of other temples might be different, so that the μέτρον δρόμου is a singularly unstable foundation upon which to build.

The μέτρα παραδοχικά in 87. 12 are probably identical with the μέτρον δοχικόν of 74, and for another example of the μέτρον ἀνηλωτικόν cf. 101. 8.

6. Ζω[ίλο]υ [νομ]αρχίας: cf. e.g. Νίκωνος νομαρχίας in P. Petrie III. 37 (α). i. 4. If Zoilus here is the captain who is so often mentioned in these papyri (e.g. 96. 30), *αρχίας* may be the termination of a military term; but *ίλαρχία* does not occur in the Petrie papyri, and the *ίππαρχίαι* there are distinguished by numbers or by nationalities, not by the names of their commanders.

75. LETTER OF THEODORUS TO THE PHYLACITAE.

Mummy A 15.

10.5 × 10.3 cm.

B.C. 232 (231).

A letter from Theodorus, probably an ἀρχιφυλακίτης or ἐπιστάτης φυλακιδῶν (though cf. 105. 1, note), to the φυλακίται of Talaë in the Κώϊτης τόπος (cf. 36. 3, note), ordering them to survey and deliver to the purchaser part of a κλήρος, which had reverted to the ownership of the State and was now being sold; cf. 52. 26, note. Amongst other fragments from the same piece of cartonnage is part of a letter from Theodorus to Harmiusis, who is probably identical with the Harmiusis in 36. 2: the 15th year in l. 10 is therefore more likely to refer to Euergetes than to Philadelphus; cf. also l. 3, note.

Θεόδωρος τοῖς ἐν Ταλάῃ φυ(λακίταις) χαί-
ρειν. γέγραφεν ἡμῖν Πετοσίρις ὁ το-
πάρχης καὶ Πετ[ε]μ[ο]ύθης ὁ το-
πογρ(αμματεὺς) πεπρακέναι Φιλάμμοι
5 ἐκ τοῦ Φιλοξένου κλ(ήρου) περὶ Ταλάην
χορταράκης (ἀρούρας) γβ'. παραλαβόντες
οὖν τὸν κωμογρ(αμματέα) περιμετρήσατε

αὐτῶι, πλέον δὲ μὴ προίεσθε ὥς
 πρὸς [ύ]μᾶς τοῦ [λ]όγου ἐσομένου.
 10 ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) ιε Τῦβι β.

3. μ of πετε[ι]μουθης corr.?

'Theodorus to the guards at Talaë, greeting. Petosiris the toparch and Petimouthes the topogrammateus have written to me that they have sold to Philammon out of the holding of Philoxenus at Talaë 3 $\frac{2}{3}$ arourae of grass-aracus land. Take the komogrammateus therefore with you, and measure the area to him, but do not part with any more, knowing that you will be held responsible. Good-bye. The 15th year, Tubi 2.'

3. This Petimouthes is probably identical with one or other of the topogrammateis mentioned in 67. 7 and 68. 5 in the 19th year of Euergetes.

5. Φιλοξένου κλ(ήρου): a Φιλοξένου κλήρος in the Oxyrhynchite nome is mentioned in 85. 13, where it is called βασιλικός, implying that it had reverted to the Crown like the Φιλοξένου κλήρος in 75; cf. 52. 26, note. Hence in spite of the difference of situation Philoxenus may be the same person in both cases.

6. χορταράκη is a new compound, for which cf. 130 χερσαράκων.

76. ORDER FOR PAYMENT.

Mummy A.

9.8 x 10 cm.

B. C. 248 (247).

A letter to Docimus, who is probably identical with the Docimus in 86 and was most likely a sitologus or other official connected with the State granaries, from Eupolis, probably a higher official, authorizing a payment of durra to be made to the lessee of a κλήρος. This proceeding is stated to be in accordance with the terms of the lease, and the durra was perhaps required as an instalment of rent due to the landlord, but the mutilation of the important word in l. 8 leaves the object of the payment uncertain. The writing, which is very ill-formed, is across the fibres, and apparently on the verso.

Εὐπολις Ζωπυρίων(ος) Δοκίμωι
 χαίρειν. προοῦ Τειμοκρά-
 τη κατὰ τὴν συγγραφὴν
 τοῦ κλήρου οὗ ἐμισθώσατ[ο
 5 παρὰ Κρέοντος τοῦ Αὐτ[ονό-
 μου πυρῶν ἀρταβῶν τρι-
 ακοσίων πεντήκοντα [. .
 εἰ[s] τὴν ι . α . αφορίαν [ό]λυ

ρ[ω]ν ἀρτάβας εἴκοσι πέν[τε].
 10 ἔρ[ρ]ωσο. (ἔτους) λη
 Θωὺτ κε.

On the recto

Δοκίμω[ι].

‘Eupolis son of Zopyrion to Docimus, greeting. Pay to Timocrates, in accordance with the contract concerning the holding which he has leased from Creon son of Autonomus for 350 artabae of wheat, for the . . . 25 artabae of olyra. Good-bye. The 38th year, Thoth 25. (Addressed) To Docimus.’

4-5. ἐμισθώσατο is doubtful, but is preferable to ἐμισθώσεν, although the middle and active forms of μισθοῦν are occasionally confused in later papyri, e.g. P. Gen. 69 and 70. It would no doubt also be possible to translate ἐμισθώσεν in the normal way by connecting παρὰ Κρεόντος with προοῦ and making πυρῶν . . . πεντήκοντα a partitive genitive; and this would of course account for the payment to Timocrates. But the general structure of the sentence and the absence of ἀπό before πυρῶν are in favour of the other interpretation.

7. Possibly πεντήκοντα [ἔξ, but more probably the line ended with πεντήκοντα.

8. None of the known words ending in -αφορία suits the context, and there is no sufficient justification for altering -αφοριαν to -οφοριαν, or -αφοραν, though it is possible that the word is e.g. ἀναφορίαν, having the same meaning as ἀναφοράν. There might then be some connexion between it and the β ἀναφορά found in P. Tebt. 100. β ἀναφορίαν, however, does not fill the space required here, and there is no stroke above the first letter to indicate that it is a figure. The mention of the 350 artabae of wheat for rent in l. 6 shows that the 25 artabae of olyra were in some way connected with that amount, perhaps forming part of it.

77. LETTER CONCERNING THE PRIESTLY REVENUES.

Mummy A.

15.2 × 21.8 cm.

B. C. 249 (248).

Conclusion of a circular addressed very likely by the dioecetes or some other high personage to officials in, probably, the Heracleopolite nome (cf. l. 1 and 110. 5), securing to one or more temples the due payment of their revenues; cf. the similar decree by Euergetes II in P. Tebt. 6. A double date of particular importance occurs in l. 8; cf. App. i. p. 341.

[30 letters] εἰ τῶι Ἡρακλεῖω[ι
 [30 „] ρον παστοφόροις
 [. . . .] τῶν λογεώντων ἵνα συντελῇται τὰ νομιζόμενα

[τοῖς θεοῖς καθάπερ ὁ βασιλεὺς σπουδάζει. λογεύοντες δὲ
 5 [παρὰ] ὧν καὶ πρότερον εἰώθει τὸ προδιδόμενον ἀποκαθίστατε
 [. ,] συντετάγμεθα γὰρ περὶ τῶν τελωνικῶν ἐφ' ᾧ
 [τοῖς θεοῖς] [τὰ] ἱερὰ σωθήσεσθαι καθὰ καὶ πρότερον.
 (ἔτους) λς Ἀρτεμισίου κγ Παχὼν κβ.

3. 1. λογεύοντων.

' . . . in order that the customary payments may be made to the gods in accordance with the king's desire. So collect from the same persons as before and restore (to the priests) the amounts previously paid to them, for we have received instructions with regard to the collection of taxes that the sacred revenues (?) are to be preserved for the gods as in former times. The 36th year, Artemisius 23, Pachon 22.'

78. LETTER OF NICIAS TO ARGAEUS.

Mummy A 13.

21·8 × 9·4 cm.

B. C. 244-3 (243-2).

A letter to Argaeus from Nicias requesting that two persons should be released from some public service, the nature of which is not specified. As the scene was Alabastropolis, it was probably connected with quarrying. The writer and addressee no doubt occupied official positions, but there is no indication of their rank. The 4th year (l. 24) refers no doubt to the reign of Euergetes.

Νικίας Ἀργαίῳ χ[αίρειν. πλεο-
 γάκις μου γεγραφηκότος σοι περ[ὶ]
 Ζωίλου καὶ Πραξιμάχου ὅταν
 λειτουργία προσπέσῃ ἀπολύ-
 5 ειν αὐτοὺς καὶ οὐδέποτε ὑ[πα-
 κήκοας ἡμῶν. ἔτι οὖν καὶ νῦν
 ἐπιμελές σοι ἔστω ἀπολύ-
 ειν αὐτοὺς τῆς νῦν εἰς Ἀλα-
 βάστρων πόλιν λειτουργίας
 10 διὰ τὸ μὴ ἐκπεσ[εῖν] αὐτοῖς τὸ
 νῦν λειτουργῆσαι, καὶ ἐὰν
 ἐκ τοῦ Ὀξύρυγ[χ]ίτου ἐπιλέ-
 γωνται Ζωίλον ἀπολύσας
 ἐὰν δὲ ἐκ τοῦ Κωίτου Πρα-
 15 ξίμαχον ἐὰν δὲ μὴ δυνα-

τὸς ἦσθα ἀπολῦσαι γράψο(μ)
 μοι καὶ ὅπως [ἀπο]λήμψει
 τὴν γραφὴν παρὰ Δωρίωνος ἀνευ
 ἐμοῦ ἵνα δι' ἐμοῦ τὸ παράγ-
 20 γελμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις
 δοθῇ.
 ἔρρωσο.

(ἔτους ?) [δ]

On the verso

2nd hand

(ἔτους) δ, περ[ὶ Ζωί-

25

λου.

10. εσ of ἐκπεσ[εῖν] above the line.

18. γραφην above the line.

‘Nicias to Argaeus, greeting. Though I have often written to you about Zoilus and Praximachus, to release them when they are called upon to serve, you have never listened to me. So now at last be careful to release them from their present service at Alabastropolis because it is not at present their turn to serve; and if people are being chosen from the Oxyrhynchite nome release Zoilus, if from the Koite toparchy, Praximachus. If, however, you are unable to release them, write to me and get the document from Dorion without me, so that I may be the means of giving the men the order. Good-bye. The 4th year . . . (Endorsed) The 4th year, concerning Zoilus.’

8. Cf. P. Petrie II. 47. 37-8 λει[τουργεῖν] ἐν Ἀλαβιάστρων πόλει. Ἀλαβιάστρων πόλις is presumably identical with the village in the Hermopolite nome which in Roman times was called Ἀλαβαστρίνη; cf. B. G. U. 553. B. iii. 1. Alabastropolis is placed by Ptolemy at some distance from the river, to the south-east of Cynopolis and immediately opposite Hermopolis. λειτουργός as a title occurs in 96. 14.

10. ἐκπεσ[εῖν], if right, must have much the same sense as προσπέσει in l. 4. The word has apparently been corrected; cf. critical note.

16. ἦσθα for ἦς is a grammatical curiosity, perhaps due to a confusion caused by the use of ἦς for ἦσθα.

18. Two persons called Dorion held the office of ἐπιστάτης φυλακιδῶν in the Oxyrhynchite and Heracleopolite nomes respectively at this time (cf. 34. 2, 72. 4), and the Dorion in 78 may be identical with one of them or with the Dorion at Phebichis (if he be a distinct person) who occurs in 106. 9, &c.

79. LETTER OF PTOLEMAEUS TO HERACLIDES.

Mummy 87.

10.2 x 8.5 cm.

About B. C. 260.

This fragment of a letter is noticeable for its elaborate introductory formula, which resembles, though it does not quite coincide with, that in P. Petrie III. 53 (o); cf. II. 13 (6). 1-3. The date is probably within the reign of Philadelphus.

Πτολεμαῖ[ος] Ἡρακλείδει
 χαίρειν. εἰ ἔρρωσαι καὶ
 ὧν πρόνοιαν ποιεῖ καὶ
 τᾶλλα σοι κατὰ λόγον ἐστὶν
 5 εἴ(η) ἂν ὥς ἐγὼ θέλω καὶ
 τοῖς θεοῖς πολλὴ χά[ρι]ς,
 ὑγίαινον δὲ καὶ [α]ὐτός.
 ηῦ...[]
 εὐχαριστήσε[ις] μ]οι

On the verso

Ἡρακλείδει.

‘Ptolemaeus to Heraclides, greeting. If you are well, and if the objects of your care and other concerns are to your mind I should be glad, and much gratitude would be due to the gods; I myself am also in good health. You will oblige me . . .’

8. The letters above the line are very blurred and may have been cancelled. ἡδέως is unsatisfactory.

80. EXPORT OF WINE.

Mummy 117.

17.3 X 12.1 cm.

B. C. 250.

A notice from Epichares to Chaeremon that Horus and another person (cf. note on ll. 2-3) were each exporting two jars of wine from villages in the Heracleopolite nome to Hiera Nesus, and that the tax of $\frac{1}{24}$ had not been paid. This Hiera Nesus is no doubt the village of that name in the south of the Fayûm (cf. e.g. 81. 16), where Chaeremon presumably held an official post; and the tax of $\frac{1}{24}$ is probably to be regarded as an export duty analogous to those known in the Roman period. It may be conjectured that these tickets were given to the persons exporting the commodity, and that they had to produce them on reaching their destination. At the end is a signature in demotic, having an important date by two different systems of reckoning the king's years; cf. note *ad loc.* 154-5 are similar notices passing between the same officials. The writing is across the fibres of the papyrus.

Ἐπιχάρης Χαί[ρ]η[μονι] χά[ρι]ς.
 [ἐ]ξάγει

κ. [...]εως τ[οῦ] Ἡρ[ακ]λεοπολίτου [νομοῦ εἰς
 Ἱερὰν Νῆσον οἶνον κ(εράμια) β ὧν κ'δ' οὐ π[επρά]χα-
 5 μιν. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λε [[Παν]] Ἐπειφ .

2nd hand Ἐπιχάρης Χαιρήμονι χαίρειν.

ἐξάγε[ι] Ὀρος Τεῶτος ἐκ Θμ[οι]-
 νεθύμεως τοῦ Ἡ[ρακ]λεο-

π[ο]λίτου νο[μο]ῦ εἰς Ἱερ[α]ν

10 Νῆσον οἶνον κ(εράμια) β ὧν κ'δ'

οὐ πεπ[ρ]άχαμεν. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λε
 Ἐπειφ δ.

On the verso

15

Ὀρος Τεῶτος.

6-14. 'Epichares to Chaeremon, greeting. Horus son of Teos is exporting from Thmoinethumis in the Heracleopolite nome to Hiera Nesus 2 jars of wine, on which we have not exacted a 24th. Good-bye. The 35th year, Epeiph 4.

'(Signed in demotic) Written by Haruotes, 2 measures of wine . . . Written in year 34 which makes year 35, Epeiph 4.'

2-3. We are unable to reconcile the vestiges at the beginning of l. 3 with Θμοινεθύμεως, neither do the very indistinct letters in l. 2 well suit Ὀρος Τεῶτος, and a longer name seems to be required. It is therefore preferable to suppose that this is not a single notice in duplicate, but two distinct notices written on the same sheet. Perhaps Horus and the other person were going in company. 154-5 also are not in duplicate.

13-4. For the transcription and translation of the demotic signature of the scribe we are indebted to Mr. Griffith. It contains the earliest extant mention of the two different methods of counting the king's years, which is found also in P. Petrie III. 58 (d) and P. Magd. 35; cf. Smyly, *Hermathena*, X. No. xxv, p. 432, and our discussion in App. ii. pp. 358-367. The 'revenue' year, which in those two papyri is explicitly called the year *ὡς αἱ πρόσοδοι*, began, we think, on Thoth 1, and the figures denoting it were sometimes one unit in advance of those of the 'regnal' year. In the present case the 35th is the revenue year, the 34th the regnal; and the papyrus shows that the 35th regnal year of Philadelphus must have begun later than Epeiph 4, i. e. more than 10 months after the beginning of the 35th revenue year.

81. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING CLERUCHS.

Mummy 98.

28.8 x 25.8 cm.

B.C. 238 (237).

This papyrus and the next both belong to the correspondence of Asclepiades, an official of some importance in the Arsinoite nome in the 9th year (of Euergetes). 81 contains a series of letters from Artemidorus, giving information of the death of certain cavalry soldiers, and directing that possession of their holdings should be resumed by the government. The language of Artemidorus plainly implies that the reversion of such κλήροι to the State at their owner's death was the usual course at this period. That fact was not before definitely ascertained, though it had been inferred from the apparent inability of cleruchs to dispose of their holdings by will. In the second century B. C. it became customary for the cleruchic holding to pass from father to son, and it is possible that at the date of our papyrus also sons of cleruchs commonly received their fathers' holdings by a fresh grant from the State; but this practice has yet to be proved. Even in the later period a cleruch's rights of ownership were by no means complete; cf. P. Tebt. I. pp. 555-6.

Besides the column printed there are the ends of lines of the preceding column, which, as the words]μερίδος and κλήρους indicate, was of a like character. Adhering on the right is part of a new sheet containing the beginnings of lines of another letter from Artemidorus, with an enclosure addressed to Nicanor similar to that in ll. 5-10; one of the holdings referred to was ἐν Φαρβα[ίθοις, i. e. the Arsinoite village. There is also a separate strip having the first letters of lines preceded by a rather broad margin, which may have been the commencement of the roll; possibly it belongs to Col. i of the main fragment. Θε(μιστου) occurs in the margin; cf. l. 15 below. On the verso are parts of three much effaced columns in a small hand.

Col. ii.

[]
 Ἀρτεμίδωρος· ὑπογέγραφ[ά σ]οι τῆς πρὸς Νικάνορα [ἐπι-
 στολῆς τὸ ἀντίγραφον ὅ[πως εἰ]δήης.

[(ἔτους) θ] Φαῶφι κ[θ.]

5 Νικάνορ[ι.] οἱ ὑπογεγραμμ[έ]νοι ἱππεῖς τετ[ε]λευτήκασιν,
 ἀνάλαβε οὖν αὐτῶν [τοῦ]ς κλήρους εἰς τὸ βασιλικόν·

ἐν Βουβάστωι τῶν Ἐ[πι]μένων λο(χαγὸς) Σιτάλκης
 Ἡρ(ακλείδου) [. . . .] . [. . .] ιστα, ἐν Θε[ογ]ονίδι τῶν Λάκωνος λο(χαγὸς)
 Π[ο](λέμωνος) [.] μαχος Σκα. . [. . . ,] ἐν Τεβέτνοι τῶν Σωσιπόλως
 10 [.] ν Ἀμμώνιος Απ[.] . ου. (ἔτους) θ Φαῶφι κθ.

[Χο]ίαχ δ.

Ἀρτεμίδωρ[ο]ς Ἀσκληπιάδει χαίρειν. οἱ ὑπογεγραμμένοι
 ἱππεῖς τετελευτήκασιν, ἀνάλαβε οὖν αὐτῶν
 Θε(μίστου) τοὺς κλήρους εἰς τὸ βασιλικόν· ἐν Ἡρακλείαι
 15 τῆς Θεμίστου μερίδος τῶν Δάμωνος λο(χαγὸς) Λέαγρος
 Διονυσοφάνους, τῶν αὐτῶν δεκανικὸς) Φιλωνίδης
 Ἀρτεμίδωρου, ἐν Ἱερᾷ Νήσῳ τῆς Πολέμωνος
 τῶν Λίχα δεκανικὸς) Ἐβρύζεμις Ζιοχόρου. (ἔτους) θ Ἀθὺρ κθ.

ιθ.

20 Ἀρτεμίδωρος Ἀσκληπιάδει χαίρειν. ὑπογέγραφα σοι
 τῆς πρὸς Νικάνορα ἐπιστολῆς τάντίγραφον ὅπως εἰδῇ[ς].
 (ἔτους) θ Χοίαχ ιη.

‘Artemidorus: I have written below for your information a copy of my letter to Nicanor. The 9th year, Phaophi 29.

‘To Nicanor. The cavalry soldiers below-written have died; therefore take back their holdings for the State. At Bubastus of the troop of Epimenes, Sitalces son of . . . , captain; at Theogonis of the troop of Lacon, . . . machus son of Sca . . . , captain; at Tebetnu of the troop of Sosipolis, Ammonius son of A . . . The 9th year, Phaophi 29.

‘Choiak 4. Artemidorus to Asclepiades, greeting. The cavalry soldiers below-written have died; therefore take back their holdings for the State. At Heraclia in the division of Themistes, of the troop of Damon, Leagrus son of Dionysophanes, captain, of the same troop Philonides son of Artemidorus, decurion; at Hiera Nesus in the division of Polemon, of the troop of Lichas, Ebruzemis son of Ziochorus, decurion. The 9th year, Athur 28.’

1. The day of the month, referring to the date on which the letter was received, was no doubt prefixed as in ll. 11 and 19.

7. λο(χαγός): cf. P. Petrie III. 4 (2). 29 τῶν Δ[άμων]ος λοχαγ[ός]. The Damon mentioned there and elsewhere in the Petrie papyri was doubtless identical with the Damon in l. 15 below. The marginal entries below this and the next line give the μερίδες of the villages, Bubastus being in that of Heraclides, and Theogonis and Tebetnu in that of Polemon; cf. l. 15.

10. The first word of this line should be a title, perhaps [ἡγεμώ]ν.

16. The abbreviation of δεκανικός (cf. note on 30. 13), recurs in 103. 7, and consists of a Δ with the right side omitted, followed by an ε.

18. The troop of Lichas, like that of Damon (l. 15; cf. note on l. 7), also occurs in the Petrie papyri, e.g. I. 16 (1). 12.

82. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Mummy 98.

33 × 38·4 cm.

B.C. 239-8 (238-7).

This papyrus, like 81, contains copies of a series of letters addressed to Asclepiades, but though written in the same hand it is part of a different roll. In this case the letters are copied on the verso of a demotic document, and there are other points of difference. The dates in 81 are on the Egyptian calendar and in chronological order; in 82 the calendar used is the Macedonian, and the chronological order is reversed. There the letters were from a single person and dealt with one subject; here the writers, in at least two cases out of the three, are different, and their subjects miscellaneous. The first correspondent, whose name is lost, writes commending to the care of Asclepiades a letter which was to be delivered in the Heracleopolite nome. The second letter, which is sent by Aphrus, announces the appointment of a scribe of those cleruchs who had been sent to the Arsinoite nome in the 6th and 7th years (of Euergetes). Those two years were therefore marked by new settlements in the Fayûm on a considerable scale. The subject of the third letter is some timber, which the writer, Sopater, wished to be sold for the benefit of the Treasury.

Col. i.

- [.]
 [.] Ἀσκλη]πιάδῃ χαίρει]ν. Φιμῆναι τῷ
 [ἀποδόντι τῇ]ν παρὰ σοῦ γραφεῖσαν ἡμῖν
 [ἐπιστολὴν] περὶ τοῦ ἀντιλεγομένου σίτου
 5 [ὃν ἀπέστα]λκας πρὸς ἡμᾶς ἔν τε τῷ
 [.] κ[ερ]κούρω καὶ ἐν ἄλλῳ κερκούρῳ
 [καὶ ἡμεῖς δ]εδώκαμεν ἐπιστολὴν
 μετ[᾽]ακο]μίσαι πρὸς Νύσιον τὸν σιτολόγον
 τοῦ Ἡρακλεοπολίτου. καλῶς οὖν ποιήσεις
 10 φροντίσας ὅπως ἐπιμελῶς ἀποδοθῇ,
 ἔστιν γὰρ ἀναγκαίότερα περὶ ὧν γεγράφαμεν αὐτῷ.
 (ἔτους) θ Ὑπερβερεταίου κς.

ις.

- Ἄφρος Ἀσκληπιάδῃ χαίρειν. καθεστήκαμεν
 15 γραμματέα Ἰσοκράτην τῶν ἀπεσταλμέν[ω]ν

- εἰς τὸν [Ἀρσι]νοίτην κληρούχων ἐν τῷ 5 (ἔτει)
καὶ τῷ [ν] ἐν τῷ 6 (ἔτει) ἀπὸ Δαισίου. καλῶς οὖν [π]οιήσεις
συναν[τι]λ[α]μβανόμενος προθύμως περὶ τῶν
εἰς ταῦτα συγκυρόντων ἵνα κατὰ τρόπον
20 ἐξάγῃται τὰ κατὰ τὴν γραμματεῖαν
καὶ μὴθὲν παραλείπῃται τῶν τῷ βασιλεῖ
χρησίμων. (ἔτους) θ Γορπιαίου ιε.

Col. ii.

- [
Σώπατρος Ἀσκλ[η]πιάδῃ χαίρειν.
25 καλῶς ποιήσεις [π]α[ρ]α[λ]αβ[ῶ]ν] . . [
τὸν παρ' ἡμῶν γραμματεῖα καὶ
τοὺς εἰθισμένους ἀποδοὺς τ[ὰ]
ὑπάρχοντα ξύλα χρηστ[ὰ] λβ
ἃ ἐστὶν ἐν τῷ [ι]
30 [ὅ]πως ἡ τιμὴ πέσῃ [τῷ] βασιλεῖ.
(ἔτους) θ Δωδίου κδ.

' . . . to Asclepiades, greeting. Phimenis, the bearer of the letter written from you to me about the disputed corn which you sent to us in the boat of . . . and another boat, has been given a letter by me to be forwarded to Nysius, the sitologus of the Heracleopolite nome. Kindly see that it is carefully delivered, for the matter on which I have written to him is rather urgent. The 9th year, Hyperberetaeus 27.

' 17th. Aphrus to Asclepiades, greeting. I have appointed Isocrates as scribe of the cleruchs sent to the Arsinoite nome in the 6th and 7th years from Daisius. Please therefore to give your zealous co-operation in all that concerns this, in order that the duties of the scribe's office may be performed in the district and none of the king's interests may be neglected. The 9th year, Gorpiaeus 15.

' . . . th. Sopater to Asclepiades, greeting. Kindly take . . . our scribe and the other accustomed persons, and deliver the 32 good logs which are in the . . . , in order that their value may be paid to the king. The 9th year, Loius 24.'

6. κ[ερ]κούρωι: cf. P. Magd. 37. 2, &c.

8. Cf. 83. 2-3 τῷ σιτολογ[ο]ῦντι τὸν Ὀξυρυγχίτην. It is doubtful whether in these cases stress is to be laid upon the article or not, i.e. whether the person named was the sitologus in chief or only one of a number of subordinates.

12. In the 9th year of Euergetes Hyperberetaeus approximately coincided with Athur, Gorpiaeus (l. 22) with Phaophi, and Loius (l. 31) with Thoth; cf. App. i.

15. γραμματεῖα . . . κληρούχων: cf. the ἐπιστάτης καὶ γραμματεὺς τῶν κατοίκων ἱππέων in P. Tebt. 32. 15, &c.

25. [π]α[ρα]λαβ[ών], if right, was perhaps followed by the name of the γραμματεὺς.

27. ἀποδόμενος cannot be read; but ἀποδοῖς is suitable enough in the sense of 'delivering' for the purpose of the sale implied by l. 30.

28. The doubtful λ might be the α of χρηστά; but it is written quite close to the β, and two logs only would hardly have formed the subject of a letter.

83. LETTER CONCERNING A PAYMENT OF CORN.

Mummy 63.

11.11 × 8.8 cm.

About B.C. 258-7.

Conclusion of a letter in which the addressee, probably an official connected with the royal granaries, is urged to lose no time in making a considerable payment in kind. The payment is described as a σιτομετρία, a term not infrequent at this period in the sense of allowances or salaries from either the State or private persons; cf. 118. 37, P. Petrie III. 87 (a). 17, 141. 15. The 27th and 28th years (of Philadelphus) are referred to in ll. 5-6.

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 [. . .] . [.] . ρ . [
 [. .] . . κράτει τῶι σιτο-
 λογ[ο]ῦντι τὸν Ὀξυρυγ-
 χίτην μετρήσαι τὴν
 5 σιτομετρίαν τοῦ κς
 καὶ κη (ἔτους) (πυρῶν) (ἀρτάβας) πγγ'
 καὶ κριθῶν (ἀρτάβας) πγγ'.
 εἰ οὖν μὴ με(μέ)τρηκας νῦν μέτρησον αὐτῶι,
 καὶ τοῦτο μὴ ἐλκύσεις,
 10 οὐ γὰρ ἐπιτήδειός ἐστιν.
 ἔρρωσο.
 [(ἔτους)

8. This line inserted later. 9. ης of ἐλκυσης written above θεω (which is not crossed through), and the first σ corr. from θ. 10. l. ἐπιτήδειον?

' . . . to . . . crates the sitologus of the Oxyrhynchite nome to measure out the allowance of corn for the 27th and 28th years, 83½ artabae of wheat and 83½ artabae of barley. If, therefore, you have not yet measured it to him do so now, and do not let this be delayed, for it (?) is inconvenient. Good-bye.'

2-3. τῶι σιτολογ[ο]ῦντι: cf. note on 82. 8, and for the phrase cf. e.g. P. Oxy. 246. 4 τοῖς γράφουσι τὸν νομόν.

8. αὐτῶι: i.e. the person who was to receive the σιτομετρία, not the sitologus.

10. If ἐπιτήδειος is right, it must refer to αὐτῶι, 'he is a disagreeable person'; but the correction to ἐπιτήδειον gives a more natural sense.

VIII. CONTRACTS

84 (a). SALE OF WHEAT.

Mummy 5.

22.5 x 17.5 cm.

B.C. 301-0. PLATE IX.

The following contract between two Greek settlers at Peroë in the Koite toparchy for the sale of 30 artabae of wheat claims the honour of being the first dated Greek papyrus of the reign of Soter. All the documents derived from Mummy 5 are remarkably early (cf. 97, 100-1); but the present is by far the most ancient of them, being actually dated in the 5th year of 'the reign of Ptolemy,' by whom only Ptolemy Soter can be meant. As the contract is fortunately in duplicate the possibility of a mistake on the part of the scribe, such as the omission of 'the son of Ptolemy,' is very remote. The cursive handwriting however, though obviously of the earliest type, gives little indication of its extreme antiquity, and without the date could not have been judged to be appreciably older than other examples in this volume, e.g. 97. Curiously enough, demotic papyri of Soter's reign are almost equally rare; not more than two are known to Mr. Griffith (*Demotic Papyri in the John Rylands Library*, p. 123).

The precise year in which Soter assumed kingly power is not certain. The Canon of Ptolemy assigns 20 years to his reign, and it has been generally supposed (cf. Strack, *Dynastie der Ptolemäer*, pp. 189-91) that he became king in B. C. 304 before Nov. 7, and abdicated in the course of his 21st (revenue) year, i. e. between Nov. 2, B. C. 285 and Nov. 1, B. C. 284. The Rylands demotic contract to be published by Mr. Griffith was written in Phamenoth of his 21st year, and can easily be reconciled with the received chronology if the year in question was a revenue year; for the month in which Philadelphus' accession took place is unknown, and there is no difficulty in placing that event later than Phamenoth (May) B. C. 284, provided that it be not later than Nov. 1. But there is good reason to believe that in dating ordinary contracts the revenue

year was not employed (cf. App. ii. p. 362), and if the 21st year in the demotic papyrus is a regnal year, various difficulties arise. From other instances in the reigns of Philadelphus, Euergetes, and Philopator it appears that the regnal years of the sovereign were sometimes, perhaps always, one in arrear of the revenue years; and if the 21st regnal year of Soter corresponded in whole or part to his 22nd revenue year, the Canon of Ptolemy seems to be wrong in assigning him only 20 years, and his assumption of kingly power must, unless the date of Philadelphus' accession be altered, be put back a year or more, i.e. to B.C. 305 or earlier; cf. Mahaffy, *The Ptolemaic Dynasty*, p. 44. In 84 (a), in which the months are Macedonian, the year, whether calculated by a Macedonian or Egyptian system, is not the least likely to be a revenue year (cf. p. 365); and owing to the prevailing uncertainty as to the methods of reckoning non-revenue years in the 3rd century B.C., the 5th year of Soter may fall within B.C. 301-0, 300-299, or even earlier than B.C. 301.

The most interesting point in the papyrus is the occurrence of ἐφ' ἱερέως κ.τ.λ. in the date-formula. This disposes of a much disputed question, for 'the priest' here can be no other than the priest of Alexander, and therefore the official cult of Alexander was already established in Egypt at this early period; cf. App. iii. p. 368. The delivery of the wheat sold by the contract was postponed until after the harvest (l. 5), so that many of the provisions of the document follow the formula of loans.

- [Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου]ν ἐφ' ἱερέως Μενελάου τοῦ Λαμάχου ε (ἔτους) μη-
 [νὸς Δίο]ν. ἀπέδοτ[ο] Ἐπιμένης Ἀθηναῖος Τιμοκλεῖ Χαλκιδεῖ πυ-
 [ρῶν ἀ]ρτάβας τριάκοντα, καὶ τὴν τιμὴν ἀπέχει Ἐπιμένης πα-
 [ρὰ Τι]μοκλέους ἅμα τῇ συνγραφῇ. ἀποδότω δὲ Ἐπιμένης τὸ[ν]
 5 [στ]τον Τιμοκλεῖ ἐγ[γ] νέων τῶν ἐπιόντων ἀπ' ἄλλω ἐν μηνὶ Πα-
 νήμῳ σῖτον καθαρὸν ἀπὸ πάντων μέτρῳ τῷ χοῖ τῷ β[α]σιλικῷ
 ἐν κόμῃ Περόῃ, ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀποδῶι ἀποτεισάτω Ἐπιμέ-
 νης Τιμοκλεῖ τιμὴν τῆς ἀρτάβης ἐκάστης δραχμὰς
 [τέσ]σaras, καὶ ἡ πράξις ἔστω Τιμοκλεῖ ἐκ[κ] τῶν ὑπαρχόν-
 10 [των τῶν Ἐπιμένο]νς πράσσοντι τρόπῳ ὧι ἂν βούληται.
 ἡ δ[ὲ] συνγραφὴ ἦδε κ'υρία ἔστω ὅταν ἐπιφέρῃ Τιμοκλῆς
 ἡ [ἄλλος τις ὑπὲρ Τιμοκλ]έους πράσων κατὰ ταῦτα.
 μάρτυρες Ι[. Δ][ο]νύσιος [Ἀ]ριστόμαχος Με[λ]ι . .
 ροῖς Στάσιππος Κ[.]ος. συνγραφοφύλαξ Διον[ύσιος]
 15 [Ἡ]ρακλέους.

- [β]ασι[λ]εύοντος Πτολ[εμ]αίου ἐφ' ἱερέως Μενελάου τοῦ Λαμά-
 [χο]ν ε (ἔτους) μην[ὸς Δίου.] ἀπέδοτο Ἐπιμένης Ἀθηναῖος Τιμο-
 [κλε]ῖ Χαλκιδεῖ πυρ[ῶ]ν ἀρτάβας τριάκοντα καὶ τὴν τιμὴν
 [ἀπέχ]ει Ἐπι[μέ]νης παρὰ Τιμοκλέ[ως] ἅμα τῇ συγγραφῇ.
 20 [ἀποδότ]ω δὲ Ἐπιμένης τὸν σῖτον Τιμοκλεῖ [ἐγ νέ]ω[ν τῶν
 [ἐπ]ιόντων ἀ[π'] ἄλλω ἐ[ν] μηνὶ Πανήμωι σῖτον καθαρὸν [ἀ]πὸ
 π[ά]ντων [μ]έτρ[ω]ι τῶι χοι τῶι βασιλ[ικ]ῶι ἐν κ[ώ]μῃ [Π]ερόῃ,
 ἐὰν δ[ὲ] μὴ ἀποδῶ ἀποτεισάτω Ἐ[πι]μένης Τιμοκλεῖ
 [τιμὴν τῆς] ἀρτ[ά]βης ἐκάστης δραχμὰς τέσσαρας, καὶ ἡ
 25 [πρᾶξι]ς ἔστ[ω] Τιμ[οκ]λεῖ ἐκ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων τῶν Ἐπι-
 [μένους] π[ρά]σσοντι τρόπῳ ὧι ἂν βούληται. ἡ δὲ συγγρα[φ]ῇ
 [ἡ]δε κυρία ἔστ[ω] ὅταν [ἐπιφέ]ρῃ Τιμοκλῆς ἢ ἄλλος τ[ῆς]
 [ὑπὲρ Τιμοκλέους] π[ρά]σσων κατὰ τ[ῆς] ὕτα. μάρτυ-
 [ρες]

On the verso

- | | | | |
|----|----|----------------|--------------|
| 30 |] | Μελι | Ἐπιμέν[ος] |
| | οἱ | Διονυσ[ίου] | Τιμοκ[λέους] |

5 and 21. 1. ἀφ' ἄλλω.

14. Above]ος a second s?

'In the reign of Ptolemy, in the priesthood of Menelaus son of Lamachus, the 5th year, in the month Dios. Epimenēs, Athenian, has sold to Timocles, Chalcidian, 30 artabae of wheat, and Epimenēs has received the price from Timocles concurrently with this contract. Epimenēs shall deliver the corn to Timocles out of the coming new crops from the threshing-floor in the month Panemus free from all adulteration by royal . . . measure at the village of Peroë; and if he fails to deliver it Epimenēs shall forfeit to Timocles as the value of each artaba 4 drachmae, and Timocles shall have the right of execution upon the property of Epimenēs and may enforce it in any manner he chooses. This contract shall be valid whenever produced by Timocles or any other person on Timocles' behalf, executing it as aforesaid. The witnesses are . . . , Dionysius, Aristomachus, Meli . . . , Stasippus, C . . . us. The keeper of the contract is Dionysius son of Heracles.'

2. Δίου is restored here and in l. 17 as best suited to the space.

4. ἀποδύτω here refers to the delivery of the corn. The use of the same verb in two different senses within three lines is somewhat awkward.

5. Since the month Panemus coincided with the period of harvest, it must have partially or completely corresponded with one of the Egyptian months Pharmouthi, Pachon, or Pauni. For the significance of this equation cf. App. i. p. 339.

6. χοι: cf. 90. 11, where this obscure measure apparently occurs again, μέτρῳ χοι τῶι . . . In the present passage χοιτον or χοιτου might be read and explained as a mis-

spelling for *κωίτου*, but 90 shows that this is inadmissible. The form suggests a connexion with *χοῦς*, but since the *χοῦς* was a liquid measure, that explanation also is unsuitable.

8-9. 4 drachmae (cf. 65. 24) represent twice the normal value of an artaba of wheat in Middle Egypt; cf. 100. 6, 110. 6, P. Petrie III. 80. 16, &c. In 99. 14 the price is 2 dr. 1 obol, and in 90. 15 the penalty value is fixed at 5 dr. For corn transported to and sold at Alexandria the high price of 4 dr. 5 ob. is found in 110. 11.

12. *ταῦτα*: or *ταῦτά*?

14. The *συγγραφοφύλαξ* (cf. P. Tebt. 105. 53, note) here occupies the second position in the list of witnesses, as in 96. 12. He is sometimes placed first, e.g. P. Tebt. 104. 34, 105. 53, but there was no regular order; in P. Petrie II. 47. 30-3 the *συγγραφοφύλαξ* comes fourth or fifth. The name *Μελ[ι.]ποις* (?) probably recurs on the verso l. 30, but the termination is not decipherable.

30-31. If *Ἐπιμένους* and *Τ[ιμο]κλείους* are rightly read, a fourth pair of names is lost at the beginning of these lines.

84 (b). DATE BY A PTOLEMAIC ERA (?).

Mummy 5.

2.4 x 6.4 cm.

B.C. 272-1 (?). PLATE VII.

From the same cartonnage as 84 (a) comes a fragment bearing the following remarkable date from the commencement of a document.

(*Ἔτους*) μ μηνὸς .

The writing is large and clear, and there is not the faintest doubt about the figure. But according to the accepted chronology, Philadelphus, to whom the Canon of Ptolemy assigns 38 years, died in his 39th year (cf. p. 364); and the only Ptolemy who reached his 40th year, Euergetes II, is of course quite out of the question here. Hence without disturbing to an unjustifiable extent the ordinary view of the length of Philadelphus' reign 84 (b) cannot be referred to the 40th year, whether revenue or regnal (cf. App. ii), of the second Ptolemy, so that apparently this date refers to some era. An era *κατὰ Διονύσιον* which started from the 1st year of Philadelphus is cited by Ptolemy (cf. Bouché-Leclercq, *Hist. des Lagides*, I. p. 99); but from the company in which the fragment was found and the character of the hand a date in the first half of the reign of Philadelphus would be much more suitable. Such a date may perhaps be obtained by identifying this era with that found on a large series of coins struck in years ranging from the 42nd to the 117th. Svoronos (*Les Monnaies de Ptolémée II qui portent dates*, pp. 52 sqq., *Τὰ νομίσματα τῶν Πτολεμαίων*, pp. 195 sqq.) supposes that the starting-point is the year B.C. 311-10, in which

the death of Alexander IV left Soter practically the monarch of Egypt, and that the coins come from Cyprus or Palestine. Svoronos' classification of Ptolemaic coins marks a great advance upon that of Poole, but many of his proposed dates for different series are very uncertain (cf. G. Macdonald's criticisms in the footnotes to the section concerning Ptolemaic coins in *Catal. of the Greek Coins in the Hunterian Collection*, vol. iii, and A. Willers' review of Svoronos in *Liter. Zentralbl.* 1905, nos. 17-8 and 19); and with regard to this series in particular several of the arguments which originally led Svoronos to fix upon B.C. 311 as the starting-point (*Les Monnaies*, l. c.) are tacitly (and quite rightly) abandoned in *Tà νομίσματα*, l. c. But an era starting from B.C. 311 is also attested by two inscriptions, one from Cyprus, the other from Tyre (C. I. Sem. I. 109, no. 93; 37, no. 7; cf. Strack, *Rhein. Museum*, liii, p. 417), and the commencement of the rule of Soter in Paros is dated in the year 311-10 in the recently discovered fragment of the Parian Chronicle (*Ath. Mittheil.* xxii. p. 188). The 40th year of this era brings us to the year B. C. 272-1, which is a thoroughly suitable date for the fragment; though the appearance in an Egyptian papyrus of a system of dating of which the other examples are all external to Egypt itself is certainly remarkable.

85. LOAN OF SEED-CORN.

Mummy 13.

26.1 x 9 cm.

B.C. 261 (260).

Contract for the loan of seed of different kinds from the government, as represented by the nomarch Harimouthes (cf. 40, introd.), to the lessee of a κλῆρος βασιλικός, i.e. land which had been cleruchic but had reverted to the State, upon which see introd. to 39 and 52. 26, note. The loan was to be repaid after the next harvest before the rent; cf. 87, where an advance of seed is made without any such provision. The lacunae are supplied from 150, a duplicate copy of the contract.

Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ
 Πτολεμαίου καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ Πτο[λ]ε-
 μαίου (ἔτους) κδ' ἐφ' ἱερέως Ἀριστονί-
 κου τοῦ Περιλάου Ἀλεξάνδρου
 5 καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν καν[η]φόρου Ἀρσι-
 νόης Φιλαδέλφου Χα[ρέας] τῆς Ἀπί-
 ου μηνὸς Μεσορῆ. ἔχ[ει] Π]ᾶσις Τ. . .

- ἀπιος ἱερεὺς [.] παρὰ Πάριτος
 Σισυβαίου τοῦ παρ[ὰ] Ἀριμούθ[ο]υ τοῦ
 10 νομάρχου ἐκ τῆς κάτω τοπαρχί-
 [ας] τὸ γρ[α]φ[έν] λῆμ[α] καὶ ἀνά[λ]ω-
 μα σπέρμα εἰς τὸ κε (ἔτος) εἰς τὸν
 Φιλοξένου κλῆρον βασιλικὸν
 τῶν Τελέστου (πυρῶν) μ, κριθ(ῶν) ληγ'
 15 αἰ (πυρῶν) κγ, ὀλυρ(ῶν) ξξ (ἡμισυ) αἰ (πυρῶν) κς, τοῦ πα[ν]τὸς
 εἰς πυρῶν (ἀρτάβας) ρ, σῖτον καθαρὸν
 ἄδολον ἀπὸ πάντων μετρήσει
 δικαίαι μέτρῳ τῷ (ἐννεακαίκοσι)χ(οινίκῳ) τῷ
 πρὸς τὸ χαλκοῦν. ἀπομετρησά-
 20 τω δὲ Πᾶσις εἰς τὰ βασιλι-
 κα ἀποδόχια τοῦ κε (ἔτους) τὰ ἐκφό-
 ρια τῆς γῆς εἰς ἣν εἴληφεν τὸ
 σπέρμα κατὰ τὴν μίσθωσιν
 ἐκ πλήρους μηθένα ὑπόλογον
 25 ποιούμενος ἀβρόχου, καὶ τὸ σπέρ-
 μα δ' εἴληφεν πρότερον τῶν ἐκφορί-
 ων ἐγ νέων.

2 lines of demotic.

18. κθ above χ Pap.

'In the reign of Ptolemy the son of Ptolemy, and his son Ptolemy, the 24th year, the priest of Alexander and the gods Adelphi being Aristonicus son of Perilaus, the canephorus of Arsinoë Philadelphus being Charea daughter of Apius, in the month of Mesore. Pasis, son of . . ., priest, has received from Paris son of Sisybaeus, agent of Harimouthes the nomarch from the lower toparchy, as seed for the 25th year, being included in the lists of receipts and expenditure, for the royal holding of Philoxenus in the (troop?) of Telestes 40 artabae of wheat, 38½ of barley which are equivalent to 23 of wheat, and 67½ of olyra which are equivalent to 27 of wheat, making a total of 90 artabae of wheat, in grain pure and unadulterated in any way, according to just measurement by the 29-choenix measure on the bronze standard. Pasis shall deliver at the royal granaries in the 25th year the rent of the land for which he has received the seed, in accordance with the terms of the lease, in full, making no deduction for unwatered land; and he shall return the seed, which he has received, before the rent, from the new crops.

'(Signed in demotic) I, P . . . son of . . ., have received the stock above written.'

2. τοῦ νιοῦ Προ[λ]εμαίου: the question who was this 'son of Ptolemy,' associated with Philadelphus from the 19th (cf. 100, introd.) to the 27th years of his reign, has been much

disputed; cf. Bouché-Leclercq, *Hist. des Lagides*, I. p. 183. We prefer the view of Wiedemann and Mahaffy that he was Ptolemy Euergetes I.

7. τοῦ Ἀπιοῦ is unsatisfactory, especially as there is a lacuna after *ιερέυς*, which may have contained the name of the god. . . . *απιοῦ* is more probably the name of the father of Πᾶσις, but it is apparently not Ἀχοάπιος or Κομοάπιος.

8. Πάριτος: this is unlikely to be the Paris in 64-5, which refer to the Arsinoite nome.

11. τὸ γρ[α]φ[έν] κ.τ.λ.: the reading is assured by 150. The meaning of the phrase seems to be that this loan of seed duly appeared in the official statement of accounts; cf. 48. 4.

13. Φιλοξένου: cf. 75. 5, note.

14. τῶν Τελέστου: if these words apply to Φιλοξένου (i.e. 'of Telestes' troop') they are out of place, though cf. 109. 4-5, note. It is probable that they here qualify κληρὸν βασιλικόν and serve to indicate the locality in some way, though Telestes was in any case probably a military officer of high rank; cf. 99. 7-8 οἰκ[ο]νόμος Τελέστου and note *ad loc.* We refer Τελέστου to the common nominative Τελέστης, though the dative Τελέστωι apparently occurs in 58. 4.

14-5. The ratio of the value of wheat to barley is the usual one of 5:3, to that of olyra 5:2, as in P. Tebt. 246 and 261, and approximately also in 119. 16; cf. 102. 2, note.

18. An artaba of 29 choenices occurs also in P. Grenf. I. 18. 20. The mention of πρὸς τὸ χαλκοῦν in the present passage suggests that this artaba may be identical with the artaba χαλκῷ in P. Brit. Mus. 265; cf. 74. 2, note.

24. ὑπόλογος here is clearly a masculine substantive, as in 29. 26; in the Tebtunis papyri of the next century the substantival form, wherever its gender can be distinguished, is τὸ ὑπόλογον. In P. Petrie II. 30 (a). 5 and 18 εἰς τοὺς ὑπολόγους the substantive ὑπόλογος may also be meant.

28-9. The demotic signature has been translated for us by Mr. Griffith. P . . . can hardly be other than Pasis, though that name is apparently not recognizable.

86. LOAN OF CORN.

Mummy A.

Fr. (a) 13.5 × 7.4, (b) 4.8 × 4.6 cm.

B.C. 248 (247).

Two acknowledgements with the same formula (or very likely one acknowledgement in duplicate) of loans of 15 artabae of olyra, another specimen belonging to the series being 129, where the borrower is a Mysian of the Epigone; cf. also 124-6. The lender in each case, Docimus, occupied an official position in connexion with the corn-revenue (cf. 76); and it is not unlikely that the loans are for seed, though this is not stated as in 85 and 87. Since repayment was to take place after the harvest of the 38th year (of Philadelphus), the papyrus was no doubt written in the 37th year or early in the 38th. Lines 14-26 are perhaps in a different hand.

Fr. (a)

[ἀρτάβας δεκάπ]εντε,
[ταύτας δέ σ]οι ἀποδώσω

Πατῆς Ἀρμιούτος Δ[ο]κί-
15 μωι χαίρειν. ἔχω παρὰ

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ἐμ μηνὶ Δαισίῳ τῷ ἐν τῷ | σοῦ ὀλυρῶν ἀρτάβας δε- |
| ὀγδόῳ καὶ τριακοστῷ | κάπεντε, ταύτας δέ σοι |
| 5 ἔτει σῖτον καθαρὸν καὶ | ἀποδώσω ἐμ μηνὶ Δαισίῳ |
| ἄδολον μέτρῳ βασιλι- | τῷ ἐν τῷ ὀγδόῳ καὶ τρια- |
| κῷ καὶ ἀποκαταστήσω | 20 κο[στῷ] ἔτει σείτον καθα- |
| ἐπὶ σκηνὴν τοῖς ἰδίοις ἀ- | [ρὸν μ]έτρῳ βασιλικῷ ε. [. |
| νηλώμασιν. ἐὰν δὲ μὴ | |
| 10 ἀποδῶ ἀποτείσω σοι [Ι.] | Fr. (δ). ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λ[. |
| τειμὴν ἐκάστης ἀρτά- | Δημήτριος Π[. Κυ- |
| βης δραχμὰς δύο. | ρηναῖος τῆς ἐπ[ιγυνῆς, |
| ἔρρωσο. | 25 ἐκέλευσέμ μ[ε ὁ Πατῆς |
| | γράψαι τὴν ε[. |
| | |

1-13. '(. . . to Docimus, greeting. I have received from you) 15 artabae of olyra, and I will return it to you in the month Daisius of the 38th year in grain that is pure and unadulterated, measured by the royal measure, and I will restore it at the cabin at my own expense. If I fail to repay it, I will forfeit to you the value of each artaba, 2 drachmae. Good-bye.'

3. Δαισίῳ: in the 38th year of Philadelphus this month probably corresponded approximately to Pauni, since in the 36th year it began on or about Pachon 29; cf. App. i.

τῷ: τοῦ could equally well be read both here and in l. 19, but would have no construction. τῷ is omitted in 129.

8. σκηνήν: cf. a second century B.C. papyrus in the Louvre published by Revillout, *Mélanges*, p. 335, which is a receipt for 2 talents 2500 drachmae of copper paid by a banker εἰς τιμὴν οἴνου π[α]λαιῶ ὥστε ὑπὸ σκηνήν οἴνου κεραμίων εἴκοσι πέντε. Revillout translates σκηνή there 'tent,' and supposes that the wine was destined for soldiers, whose pay is the subject of another receipt made out to the same bankers. This interpretation, however, is very doubtful, and in any case there is no indication that the olyra in 86 was required for military purposes. Judging by the use of σκηνή in 38. 7, we prefer to translate it here also 'cabin,' and to suppose the phrase ἐπὶ σκηνήν to indicate that the grain was to be repaid on board a government corn-transport.

12. Two drachmae are the penalty value of an artaba of olyra also in 102. 4 and 124; cf. 90. 15, where it seems to be 4 drachmae, and 102. 2, note.

21. The letters following βασιλικῷ are certainly not καί (cf. l. 7). Perhaps ἐάν, sc. δὲ μὴ ἀποδῶ κ.τ.λ., should be read, but βα, sc. a repetition of βασιλικῷ, is possible.

25-6. This sentence differs from the usual formula ἔγραψα συντάξαντος (Πατῆτος) found at this period, e.g. in 124. The word following τήν is apparently not σ[υγγραφὴν] or ἀ[ποχὴν].

87. ADVANCE OF SEED-CORN.

Mummy 126.

17 × 9.8 cm.

B.C. 256 (255).

An acknowledgement by several cleruchs, each of whose holdings contained 25 arourae, to a sitologus, of the receipt of $79\frac{3}{4}$ artabae of wheat and $33\frac{1}{4}$ artabae of barley for seed; cf. 85-6. Nothing is said about repayment (cf. 85. 25 and 86. 2), and probably the seed was in this case a present rather than a loan from the government; cf. P. Tebt. I. pp. 226-7. Since it was required for the sowing of the 30th year (of Philadelphus), the papyrus was no doubt written late in the 29th or early in the 30th year.

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 [. . .] . [.] 'Hρα-
 κλείδου καὶ Ἡρ[.
 Μενίσκου καὶ Ζη[.
 ριου (εἰκοσιπεντάρουροι) ἔχειν πα[ρὰ . . .
 5 του σιτολόγου εἰς ὁ[ὗς] ἔ[χ]ο-
 μεν περὶ τὴν τῶν Πα[στο]-
 φόρων κλήρους σπέρμα
 εἰς τὸ λ (ἔτος) πυρ[ο]ῦ ἔβδο-
 μήκ[ον]τα ἐννέα ἡμυσυ
 10 τέταρτον καὶ κριθῆς τριά-
 κοντα τρεῖς τέταρτον,
 [σ]ίτον καθα[ρὸν] μέτροις
 παραδ[ο]χικοῖς, καὶ ὁ[ὕθ]ῃ
 ἐγκαλοῦμεν.

4. (εἰκοσιπενταρουροι) corr. from εχ.

' . . . son of Heraclides and Her . . . son of Meniscus and Ze . . . son of . . . , holders of 25 arourae, acknowledge that we have received from . . . , sitologus, for the holdings which we possess at the village of the Pastophori, as seed for the 30th year $79\frac{3}{4}$ artabae of wheat and $33\frac{1}{4}$ artabae of barley, in pure corn measured by the receiving measures, and we make no complaint.'

4. εἰκοσιπεντάρουροι are not mentioned elsewhere except in the name of the Arsinoite village Ἰβίων Εἰκοσιπενταρούρων.

6. τὴν τῶν Πα[στο]φόρων, sc. κώμην, does not occur apart from this passage (except perhaps in 118. 6; cf. note *ad loc.*), and it is uncertain to which nome it belonged.

12. μέτροις παραδ[ο]χικοῖς: more usually called δοχικά; cf. 74. 2, note.

88. LOAN OF MONEY.

Mummy A 17.

9.8 x 5.1 cm.

B.C. 263-2 (262-1). PLATE X.

This papyrus contains the ends of lines of a contract for the loan of 100 drachmae or more at interest to a military settler. No third century B.C. contract concerning a loan of money has yet been recovered in good condition, the only other specimens, 89 and P. Petrie III. 55 (a), being also very fragmentary; but the general construction of 88 can be restored by the aid of similar contracts in the later Ptolemaic period, e.g. P. Grenf. I. 20, and of the parallel contract for the loan of corn in 86; cf. also 84 (a). The restorations of the lacunae in ll. 2-5 are derived from a fairly complete but much effaced agreement (unpublished) concerning a payment of rent, which belonged to the same piece of cartonnage and preserves nearly all the protocol. On reaching the word *ἐκατόν* in l. 8 the writer stopped, and resumed sometime afterwards in a slightly more cursive hand, leaving a blank space of a line between ll. 8 and 9. A noticeable feature of his handwriting is the occasional employment of a form of ω approximating to Ω , like that found in the 'Ρητορικὴ πρὸς Ἀλέξανδρον (26).

- [*Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμ]αίου καὶ τοῦ νιού*
[Πτολεμαίου ἔτους τρίτου καὶ εἰκοστοῦ ἐ]φ' ἱερέως Κινέου
[τοῦ Ἀλκέτου Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελ]φῶν κανηφόρου Ἀρσι-
[νόης Φιλαδέλφου τῆς Πολεμοκρά]τους μηνὸς Δωίου
 5 [*. ἐν Φεβίχι τοῦ Κωίτου. ἐδάνε]ισεν Σώστρατος Νι-*
 [34 letters *]αῖοι τῶν Ζωίλου*
 [33 *]υς ἅμα τῇ συγ-*
[γραφῇ ἀργυρίου δραχμὰς] ἐκατόν
- [30 letters *τῆς μνᾶς ἐκάστου μηνὸς*
 10 [32 *]τ. [.] κατὰ μῆνα ἕκασ-*
[τον τὸ δὲ δάνειον τοῦτο ἀποδότω Θεῷ Σ]ωστράτῳ ἐν ἡ-
[μέραις δέκα ἀφ' οὗ ἂν προείπηι Σώστρατος, ἐὰν] δὲ μὴ ἀποδῶ
[ἀποτεισάτω διπλοῦν καὶ ἡ πρᾶξις ἔστω Σωσ]τράτῳ ἐκ τῶν Θεῷ
[. ὑπαρχόντων 13 letters πράσσον]τι κα[τὰ τὸ] διά-
 15 [*γραμμα*]
-

4. *Λωίου*: the day of the month was very likely not given (cf. e.g. 84 (a) and 85), in which case there was probably a blank space before *ἐδάνεισεν*. *Loius* probably corresponded approximately to Pauni in the 23rd year; cf. App. i.

6. *αἰώι*: probably *Κυρηνηαἰώι* (cf. 89. 6, &c.) or perhaps *Ἰουδαἰώι* (cf. 96. 4).

7. For *ἅμα τῇ συγγραφῇ* cf. 84 (a). 4. *καὶ ἀπέχει* probably occurred earlier in the line.

9. This line refers to the interest, and *τόκου* is to be restored somewhere in the lacuna. *κατὰ μῆνα ἕκαστον* in l. 10 also seems to refer to interest, and on the analogy of e.g. P. Grenf. II. 18. 16 we might restore *καὶ τοῦ ὑπερπεσόντος χρόνου* at the beginning of l. 10 (cf. P. Petrie III. 55 (a). 13-4); but a mention of the contingency of failure to repay the loan before *ἐὰν* δὲ μὴ ἀποδῶι in l. 12 would be a curious inversion.

11. *ἐν ἡμέραις κ.τ.λ.*: cf. 89. 14.

13. *ἡμιόλιον* might be restored after *ἀποτεισάτω* on the analogy of later loans, e.g. P. Grenf. I. 18; but in the third century B.C. the penalties for failure to repay a loan were often on a higher scale; cf. 84 (a). 9 and 90. 15, where the penalty value of wheat is twice its ordinary price, and 30. 19-20, note. Hence both here and in P. Petrie III. 55 (a). 13, where the editors supply *ἡμιόλιον, διπλοῦν* is more likely.

89. LOAN OF MONEY.

Mummy 83.

Height 17.5 cm.

B.C. 239 (238).

A contract for the loan of 500 drachmae of silver from a woman, Theodote, to Zenion; cf. 88. The loan was without interest, probably on account of the special conditions attached, which the mutilation of the papyrus renders obscure. Several insertions have been made in the text, and a blank space has been left in l. 17.

The restoration of ll. 2-5 is based on two other fragmentary contracts not yet published. The only name concerning which there is any doubt is *Ὀνόμαστος*. *Ὀνομα* is confirmed by one of the other contracts, but *Ὀνομάκριτος* is a possible alternative. The traces in l. 2 would suit *κ* rather better than *σ*, but there seems to be insufficient space for *ρι*.

Βασιλεύοντ[ος Πτολεμ]αίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου
καὶ Ἀρσινόης θε[ῶν Ἀδελφῶν] (ἔτους) η' ἐφ' [ι]ε[ρέως] Ὀνο[μ]ά-
του τοῦ Πύργ[ωνος Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ] θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν καὶ θε-
ῶν Εὐεργετ[ῶν κανηφόρου Ἀρσιν]όης Φιλαδέλφου Ἀρχε-
5 στράτ[ης τῆς Κτησικλέους] μηνὸς Περιτίου ἐν Θώλ-
· θε[ι] τοῦ Ὀξυρυ[γχι]τ[ου]. ἐδάνεισε] Θεοδότῃ Λέοντος Κυρηναία
τῶ]ν Ζωίλου ιδιώτου
μετὰ κυρίου Λέοντος [.]ου τοῦ αὐτῆς πατρὸς Ζηνίωνι
Δεινί[ου] τῶν Α. [.] ιδιώτ]ηι ἄτοκον ἀργυρίου ὀφθαλμο-

12-4. These lines do not seem to contain provisions for the repayment of the loan (cf. 88. 11), for it is very difficult to see where ἀποδώ κ.τ.λ. can be brought in. Probably, therefore, the word lost in l. 15 after μή is not ἀποδῶ but the verb which occurred in l. 10.

13. Perhaps λογευτηρ]ιον: cf. 106, introd.

17. For διπλοῦν cf. 30. 19-20 and 88. 13, notes. A space is left for the name of the person to whom right of execution was reserved. Perhaps there was some doubt as to whether it should be Theodote herself or her κύριος.

18. κατὰ τὸ διάγραμμα: cf. 90. 16, 91. 13, and 34, introd.

19. For the supplement cf. 90. 20, &c.

20-1. This endorsement looks like the title of the document, but we have failed to find a suitable reading of the latter part of it. It would perhaps be just possible to read συγγραφο(φύλαξ) Ἡρώδης with Σαραπίων below, and suppose that these are the names of two of the witnesses, but such an abbreviation of συγγραφοφύλαξ is not satisfactory, nor is the word itself likely in this position. On the back of the fragment which contains the beginnings of ll. 1-10 there are also traces of ink, which may represent names.

90. LEASE OF LAND.

Mummy 10.

11.1 X 16.6 cm.

B. C. 222 (221).

A contract for the lease for one year of an island, which formed part of a cleruchic holding in the Oxyrhynchite nome. The rent is fixed at 4 artabae of olyra in addition, apparently, to a quarter of the wheat grown; but whether wheat constituted the whole or only a portion of the crop is not stated, neither is the acreage of the land specified. The lease was drawn up in the 25th year of Euergetes, the latest certain date in this volume; cf. note on l. 2. The papyrus is in parts much discoloured and worn, and the small cursive hand is in consequence sometimes very difficult to read. The verso is covered with plaster, which, owing to the extremely brittle condition of the document, we have not ventured to remove.

[Βασιλεύοντος Πτο]λεμαίου [τ]οῦ Πτολεμαίου κ[αὶ Ἀρσινόης θεῶ]ν Ἀδελφῶν
 [(ἔτους)] π[έ]μπτου καὶ] εἰκοστοῦ ἐφ' ἱερέως Δωσιθέου τοῦ [Δριμύλου Ἀλ]ε-
 ξάνδρου
 καὶ θεῶν Ἀ[δελφῶ]ν καὶ θεῶν Εὐεργετῶν κανηφόρου [Ἀρσινόης Φιλα]-
 δέλφου Βερενί-
 κης τῆς Πυθ[αγγέ]λου μηνὸς Γορπιαίου ἐν Θώλθι τ[οῦ Ὁξυρυγί]του.
 ἐμίσθωσεν
 5 εἰς ἐνιαυτὸν [ἔνα σ]πόρον [[ενα]] καὶ θερισμὸν ἔνα ἀπὸ τοῦ σ[πόρου τοῦ
 ἐν τ]ῷ ἔκτωι καὶ εἰ-

κοστῶι ἔτει Δ[ιόδωρο]ς Μακ[ε]δ[ὼ]ν τ[ῶ]ν Φίλωνος δεκανικὸς Εὐκ[ράτει]
] . φι τῆς ἐπιγονῆς
 ἐκ τοῦ ιδίου κλήρου τὴν νῆσον τὴν ἐμ Μέναν τοῦ [Ὁξυρυγχίτου νο]μοῦ
 πᾶσαν
 πλὴν τῆς χέρσου ὅσων ἀμ [β]ρέχωσιν ἐγ γεωμ[ε]τ[ρ]ί[ας] ἐκφ[ο]ρίου] .
 ὀλυρῶν
 ἀρταβῶν τεσσάρ[ω]ν, [τὰ δὲ ἐκ]φόρια τὰ συγγεγραμμέν[α ἀποδώσει Εὐ]-
 κράτης Διοδώ-
 10 ρωι ἐμ μηνὶ Ξαν[δ]ικῶι τοῦ ἐβδόμου καὶ εἰκοστοῦ ἔτου[ς σίτον καθαρὸν]
 καὶ ἄδολον
 τὸν γενόμενον [ἐ]ν τῇ γ[ῆ]ι μέτρωι χοι^{ται σα . . τιον [}δικαίωι με[τρ]ήσει δι[κα]ίαι, παρα-
 στησά-
 τω <δὲ> εἰς τὰ Δι[οδώ]ρου ιδίω[ι] ἀναλώματι, δότω δὲ καὶ [τοῦ πυροῦ] τὸ
 τέταρτόμ
 μέρος κ[αὶ] τοῦτο παρ[α]στησάτω εἰς τὰ Διοδώρου ιδίω[ι] ἀναλώμα[τι]. εἰ
 δὲ μὴ ἀ-
 ποδῶι [κατὰ τὰ γε]γ[ρα]μμένα ἀποτισάτω Εὐκράτ[ης] Δι[ο]δ[ώ]ρ[ω]ι τιμῇ
 τῆς ἀρτά-
 15 βης ἐκάσ[της] τῶν ὀλυρῶν δραχμὰς τέσσαρες τοῦ δὲ πυροῦ δρε[χμ]ὰς
 πέντ[ε] καὶ
 ἡ πράξι[ς] ἔστω Διοδώρῳ παρὰ Εὐκράτους πράσ[σ]ονται κατὰ τὸ δ[ι]ά-
 γραμμα.
 ἡ δὲ καλάμη ἔστω Διοδώρου. βεβαιούτω δὲ Διό[ι]δωρος καὶ τοὺς
 κατ
 καρποὺς καὶ ἀ μεμίσθωκεν, εἰὰν δὲ μὴ βεβαιώσῃ κατὰ τὰ γεγραμμένα
 ἀπ[ο]τεισάτω
 Διόδωρος Εὐκράτ[ε] ἐπί[τι]μον ἀργυρίου δραχμὰς πεντακοσίας, ἐὰμ μή [τι βα-
 20 σιλικὸν κώλυμα γ[έ]νηται.] ἡ δὲ συγγραφὴ ἥδε κυρία ἔστω οὗ ἂν ἐπι-
 φέρεται.
 μάρτυρες Εὐπα[ρ] καὶ Κόλλας Κυρηναῖοι οἱ δ[ύ]ο ιδιώται Παμ.
 [.
 Χαλκιδ[ε]ὺς Χι Πέ[ρ]σης τῶν Φίλωνος Κτήσιππος Καλλικράτους
 [. .

D¹ τας Στ[ρά]των [.]ς Θραῖξ Εὐκλείων Ἀμμωνίου Κυρηναίου
 τῆς [ἐπι]γονῆ[ς].

'In the reign of Ptolemy son of Ptolemy and Arsinoë, gods Adelphi, the 25th year, the priest of Alexander and the gods Adelphi and the gods Euergetae being Dositheus son of Drimylus, the canephorus of Arsinoë Philadelphus being Berenice daughter of Pythangelus, in the month Gorpiaeus, at Tholthis in the Oxyrhynchite nome. Diodorus, Macedonian and decurion of the troop of Philon, has leased for one year, for one seed-time and harvest, from the seed-time in the 26th year to Eucrates, . . . of the Epigone, out of his own holding the island at Mena in the Oxyrhynchite nome all except any parts of the dry land which may be irrigated according to the survey, at a rent . . . of 4 artabae of olyra. The rent agreed upon Eucrates shall pay to Diodorus in the month Xandicus of the 27th year in pure and unadulterated grain grown upon the land by true . . . measure according to just measurement, and shall deliver it at the house of Diodorus at his own expense. He shall further give the fourth part of the wheat, which he shall also deliver at Diodorus' house at his own expense. If he do not pay as aforesaid Eucrates shall forfeit to Diodorus for the value of each artaba of olyra 4 drachmae, and for the wheat 5 drachmae, and Diodorus shall have the right of execution upon Eucrates in accordance with the edict. The straw shall belong to Diodorus. Diodorus shall guarantee the . . . crops and what he has leased, or if he fail to do so Diodorus shall forfeit to Eucrates a penalty of 500 drachmae of silver, if there be no obstacle on the part of the State. This contract is valid wherever produced. The witnesses are Eupa . . . and Collas, Cyreneans, both privates, Pam . . . , Chalcidian, Chi . . . , Persian of Philon's troop, Ctesippus son of Callicrates . . . , Straton son of . . . , Thracian, Euclion son of Ammonius, Cyrenean of the Epigone.'

2. The names of the priest and canephorus coincide with those of the 25th year, as known from an unpublished Tebtunis papyrus and a demotic contract; cf. p. 376. The period of the lease commenced from the sowing of the 26th year (l. 5), i. e. the autumn; so the present document being dated in Gorpiaeus which probably = Choiak-Tubi (cf. App. i), i. e. about February, of the 25th year, must have been drawn at some time in advance. If, as seems to be not improbable, the 25th and the other years mentioned by the papyrus are Macedonian years beginning on Dios 1, which at this period fell near the end of Mecheir, Gorpiaeus fell near the end of the 25th year, and the interval between the date of 90 and the sowing of the 26th year was at least 7 months. On the analogy of P. Tebt. 71, which shows that the sowing of crops in the Fayûm had just commenced on Nov. 9, B.C. 114, the σπόρος in l. 5 probably means November, which at the end of Euergetes' reign began on Thoth 15 and approximately coincided with Daisius. On this view the interval between the date of 90 and the sowing of the 26th year is 9 months, and the harvest would be completed by Xandicus (equivalent to Epeiph-Mesore, i. e. about September) of the 27th year (l. 10). We forbear to enter on a discussion of the complications which would ensue if the 25th and other years in 90 do not begin on Dios 1, or if ἐκτου be read in place of πέμπτου in l. 2. The very slight traces at the beginning of the line can be reconciled with either; and if 90 be assigned to the 26th year instead of the 25th, Dositheus and Berenice may be supposed to have held office in both these years. There is a parallel for this in the case of the priests of the 9th and 10th years, but τδ β, which would then be expected after Πυθ[αγγέ]λου in l. 4, is absent; cf. p. 374. It is, moreover, very doubtful whether Euergetes actually reached a 26th year except on the revenue system of calculating the king's years, which is not at all likely to have been employed in a contract mentioning only Macedonian months; cf. App. ii.

In the Tebtunis papyrus the name of Dositheus' father may be read as either *Δριμίλου* or *Δριπίλου*. According to Spiegelberg's decipherment the demotic has Tripirus, which is in favour of *Δριπίλου*. On the other hand that name is unknown, whereas *Δριμίλος* is attested (Luc. Gall. 14).

7. *ἴδιος* as an epithet of *κλῆρος* does not imply full proprietary rights, as Meyer, *Heerwesen*, p. 42, assumes. All that need be meant here is that Diodorus was letting his own land, not sub-letting some one else's. Other instances, e.g. 105. 5, are capable of a similar explanation.

8. Above *ἐκφ[ορίου]* an insertion has been made, but the letters are too indistinct to be read.

11. *μέτρῳ χοι*: cf. 84. 6, note. The letters after *τῶι* are very small and illegible, but do not suit *βασιλικῶι* (84. 6) or *θησαυροῦ*. An erasure below is not likely, though the writing is somewhat blurred. *με[τρήσει δι]καίαι* is not very satisfactory, for the supplement hardly fills the lacuna, and a conjunction is missing. The final *αι* of *δι[καίαι]* is more like a *π*, but to read *ἀς* *καί* and suppose that the *π* of *παραστήσ[α]τω* was written twice is not an attractive solution, although the scribe makes other mistakes, e.g. *πράσσοντι* in l. 16.

15. *δ]λυρῶν*: cf. l. 8, though there too the reading is doubtful. *πυρῶν* is possible in both places, but would be very unsuitable in l. 15 with *τοῦ δὲ πυροῦ* immediately following. 4 drachmae an artaba is twice the ordinary penalty price of olyra; cf. 102. 2, note.

17. *κατ . . .* may be a participle like *καταγνομένους* or some adjectival phrase with *κατά*. The remains of the letters are too faint for recognition.

19. *δραχμας πεντακοσίας*: cf. P. Petrie III. 74 (a). 14-5, which is to be restored on the analogy of the present passage. The 500 drachmae for failure in the *βεβαίωσις* was no doubt a conventional penalty, and this suggests a new explanation of P. Amh. 43. 12, where it is stipulated that if the borrower did not repay a loan of 10 artabae of wheat he should forfeit *τιμὴν δραχμὰς πεντακοσίας*. The largeness of the sum is no longer a valid reason for supposing that the drachmae are not silver, but copper, and represent the price of a single artaba. On the other hand, if the 500 drachmae in P. Amh. 43. 12 is a conventional penalty, it is somewhat remarkable that they are not stated to be silver and that *τιμὴν*, not *ἐπίτιμον*, is used.

For the clause *ἐὰν μὴ [τι κ.τ.λ.]* cf. 91. 5 sqq., where the same phrase occurs, also in reference to an *ἐπίτιμον*. Similarly in P. Petrie II. 44, which is rather a contract of partnership than an ordinary lease, ll. 13 sqq. may now be restored *ἐὰν δὲ μὴ [βεβαίωσῃ κατὰ τὰ γεγραμμένα] ἀποτεισάτωσ[α]ν Μη]τροδῶρῳ καὶ Ἐπικούρῳ [δραχμὰς πεντακοσίας καὶ ἔστω ἡ κα]τοχὴ Μητροδῶρῳ καὶ Ἐπικούρῳ ἐὰν μὴ τ[ι] βασιλ[ικὸν κώλυμα γένηται,] τῶν δὲ καρπ[ῶν] κυριενέτωσαν . . .* In 91. 8-10 a further provision is made in case the *κώλυμα* did occur; according to 90 and P. Petrie II. 44, if the *βεβαίωσις* was prevented by any action of the government, the penalty was simply foregone.

22. If *Χι . . .* is a proper name, the number of witnesses is seven, as in 96. 12 sqq. But since *Πέ[ρ]σης* is uncertain, it is possible that *χι . . . Φίλωνος* is all part of the description of Pam . . . the Chalcidian; *ρ[η]σης*, e.g. *τετ[ε]ρά[ρ]σης* might be read. A less probable method of reducing the number from seven to six would be to treat *παμ . . .* in l. 21 as part of the description of the two preceding witnesses and *Χαλκ[ι]δεύς* as a personal name.

23-4. *Κυρηναίος* and *ἐπι[γο]νής* are both very doubtful. There would be room for about six letters at the end of the line after *Κυρηναίος*.

91. LEASE OF LAND.

Mummy A.

11.2 X 14.5. B.C. 244-3 (243-2) or 219-8 (218-7).

Conclusion of a contract for a lease of land from Eupolis to Cleopatra at a rent of 30 artabae of corn, with the names of the witnesses, who were six or seven in number, and part of the protocol of what was probably a duplicate copy on the same papyrus; cf. 90. The handwriting, which is extremely cursive, resembles that of P. Petrie I. 18 (1), and the 4th year in l. 19 no doubt refers to either Euergetes or Philopator, more probably the former.

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[34 letters] . [. Εὐπ]όλει
 [18 „ ἄδ]ολον μετρήσει δικα[ίαι] κ[. ,
 [16 „ ἀποδ]ώσει Κ[λεοπ]άτρα Εὐπό[λει] [. .] .
 [11 „] . . [. .] . [. . . .] . [. .] . . σας καρπὸς εἰς το . [.
 5 [.] μο . [.] . ν . [.] ε . . . ν καὶ ἂ μεμίσθωκεν. ἐὰν δὲ μὴ
 [βεβαιώσῃ κ]ατὰ [τὰ] γεγραμμένα ἀποτείσάτω Κλ[εο-
 [πάτρ]α Εὐ[πό]λει ἐπίτιμον ἀργυρίου δραχμὰς ἑκατὸν
 [ἐὰν] μὴ τι βασιλικὸν κώλυμα γένηται. ἐὰν δέ τι βασιλικὸν
 [κώ]λυμα γένηται ἀποδότω Κλε[οπά]τρα Εὐπόλει τὰς τριά-
 10 [κο]ντα ἀρτάβας τῶν πυρῶν, ἐὰν δέ μὴ ἀποδῶι [ἀποτείσάτω
 [τιμ]ὴν τῆς ἀρτάβης ἐκάστης τῶν πυρῶν ἀργυρίου δραχμὰς . ,
 [κα]ὶ ἡ πρᾶξις ἔστω Εὐπόλει παρὰ Κλεοπάτρας [πράσσοντι
 [κα]τὰ τὸ διάγραμμα. ἡ δὲ συγγραφὴ ἥδε κυρί[α οὐ] ἂν ἐπιφέρῃ-
 [τ]αί. μάρτυρες Πολύαινος Κυρηναῖος ἰδιώτης, Θ[18 letters
 15 [δ]εκανικός, οἱ δύο τῶν Ζωίλου, Διοκλῆς Ἰππολύτου [18 letters
 [Ἀπ]ολλωνίου Ἑσπερίτης, Νικάνωρ Εὐαγόρου Βα[ρκαῖος] 12 letters
 [. . . .] αἱ . [.] . α . τωνα [. . . .] . πρὸς Αρ . [18 letters
 [βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου] τοῦ Πτολ[εμαίου καὶ Ἀρσινό-
 [ης θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν (?) ἔτους τ]ετάρτου ἐ[ξ] ἱερέως

15. διο of διοκληs corr.

* . . . If she fail to guarantee the lease in accordance with the aforesaid provisions, Cleopatra shall forfeit to Eupolis a fine of 100 drachmae of silver, unless some hindrance

occur on the part of the State. If any hindrance occur on the part of the State, Cleopatra shall pay Eupolis the 30 artabae of wheat, or if she fail to pay she shall forfeit as the value of each artaba of the wheat . drachmae; and Eupolis shall have a right of execution against Cleopatra, exercising it in accordance with the edict. This contract is valid wheresoever it be produced. The witnesses are Polyaeus, Cyrenean, private, and Th , decurion, both members of Zoilus' troop, Diocles son of Hippolytus . . . , . . . son of Apollonius from Hesperis, Nicanor son of Evagoras from Barca, . . .'

2. Perhaps δικα[ίαι] κ[αὶ] σκυτάλη; cf. 98. 19 and note.

8. Cf. 90. 19, note.

11. Probably δραχμὰς δ, i.e. double the ordinary price (cf. notes on 84 (a). 9 and 88. 13); or perhaps δραχμὰς €; cf. 90. 15.

13. οὗ ἂν ἐπιφέρηται; cf. 90. 20, &c.

16. Ἑσπερίτης: i.e. from Ἑσπερίς (= Βερενίκη) in the Cyrenaica.

92. CONTRACT OF SURETY.

Mummy 97.

11.3 x 9.3 cm.

B.C. 263 (262).

Both this and the following papyrus are contracts of surety for the appearance of a person in court, and are of much interest as being by far the oldest examples of such agreements yet recovered; so far as we are aware, the only other specimen anterior to the Roman period is P. Brit. Mus. 220. ii, of the reign of Euergetes II, which is misunderstood by the editor. In their general purport and even in phraseology 92 and 93 show striking points of agreement with the later specimens, which have been discussed at length by L. Wenger in his *Rechtshistorische Papyrusstudien*. His view that the cases concerned are civil rather than criminal is supported by 92, where the suit is an action for debt. The sum involved was altogether 400 drachmae; and the two sureties bound themselves either to produce the defendant Timocles for trial before the strategus, or to pay the plaintiff Apollonius the amount of his claim. The agreement is made directly with the plaintiff, contrasting in this respect with the later examples in which an executive official is addressed.

Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολε-
μαίου καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ Πτολεμαίου ἔτους
δευτέρου καὶ εἰκοστοῦ ἐφ' ἱερέως Πέλοπος τοῦ
Ἀλεξάνδρου Ἀλε[ξ]άνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν
5 καν[η]φόρου Ἀρσινόης Φιλαδέ[λ]φου Μ[ν]ησιστρά-
της τῆς Τεισάρχου μηνὸς Ξανδικ[ο]ῦ Αἰγυπτί-
ων μην[ὸ]ς Μ[ε]χ[ί]ρ τεσσαρεσκαίδεκάτη [[αι]]

- ἐμ Μουχίναροῶ τοῦ Ὀξύρυγχίτου. ἑγγυοὶ
 Τιμοκλέους τοῦ Σίμου Θραικὸς τῆς ἐπιγονῆς
 10 Μνάσων Σίμου Θραιξ τῆς ἐπιγονῆς Ἡγέ-
 [μων . . .]μου Κρι[σ] τῆς ἐπιγονῆς ἐφ' ᾧ πα-
 [ραδ]ώσ[ονται αὐ]τὸν ἐν [Ἡρακ]λέους πόλει ἐπὶ
 Κρι[σ]τ[ῆ]τος
 τοῦ [σ]τ[ρ]ατηγ[ο]ῦ ἕως γνώσεως περὶ τῆς
 δίκης ἥς {εγ} ἐνεγύησεν αὐτὸν Ἀπολλώνιος
 15 κατὰ συγγρα[φ]ήν πρὸς τὸ ἀρχαῖον δρα-
 χμὰς τριακοσίας καὶ τόκον δραχμὰς
 ἑκατόν. ἐὰν δὲ μὴ παραδῶνται κατὰ
 τὰ γεγραμμένα ἀποτεισάτωσαν τὰς τε
 τρι[α]κοσί[α]ς δραχμὰς καὶ τὰ ἐπιδέκτα κ[α]ὶ
 20 τ[ὰ] γινόμενα, καὶ ἡ πρᾶξις ἔ[σ]τω [Ἀπο]λλων[ί]ου
 ἢ ἄλλωι τῶν [Κρ]ισίππου [ἢ το]ῦ πράκτο-
 [ρ]ος ὑπηρετῶν κατὰ τὸ [διά]γραμ[μα].

14. σ of ἐνεγυησεν inserted later.

'In the 22nd year of the reign of Ptolemy son of Ptolemy and his son Ptolemy, the priest of Alexander and the gods Adelphi being Pelops son of Alexander, the canephorus of Arsinoë Philadelphus being Mnesistrate daughter of Tisarchus, on the 14th of the month Xandicus which is Mecheir of the Egyptians, at Mouchinaroö in the Oxyrhynchite nome. Mnason son of Simus Thracian of the Epigone and Hegemon son of . . . imus, Cretan of the Epigone, are sureties for Timocles son of Simus, Thracian of the Epigone, on the condition that they shall deliver him up at Heracleopolis before Crisippus the strategus until the decision of the suit in which Apollonius placed him on bail according to the contract for a principal of 300 drachmae and interest of 100 drachmae; and if they do not deliver him up as above written, they shall forfeit the 300 drachmae and the extra tenths and other charges, and Apollonius or any one besides of the attendants of Crisippus or of the collector shall have the right of execution in accordance with the decree.'

3-6. Cf. P. Petrie III. 52 (a), where the names of the priest and canephorus can now be correctly restored.

7. Unfortunately at this critical point the papyrus is much rubbed and stained, and the correctness of the reading $\mu\eta[\nu\delta]\varsigma$ $\text{Με}\chi[\iota\rho]$ is open to grave doubts, for the vestiges of the supposed μ of $\mu\epsilon\chi$, which is the clearest of the letters, suggest rather η or κ . The traces of the other letters are very slight, and palaeographically $\text{Με}\{\sigma\sigma\}\rho\eta$ $\tau[\eta\iota]$ would be possible, though τ is less suitable than $\epsilon\chi$; but $\tau\eta\iota$ is not necessary (though cf. 93. 6), and, since the equation of Gorpiaeus to Mesore only five years later is certain from Rev. Laws lvii. 4-5, to read $\text{Με}\sigma\sigma\sigma\eta$ here would produce a most serious inconsistency; cf. App. i. pp. 339-40. For the spelling $\text{Με}\chi\iota\rho$ at this period cf. 34. 2, 51. 6, &c.

8. The name of this village is spelled Μουχιναρῶ in 53. The Μουχινῶρ of P. Oxy. 491. 3 may be identical.

10. Mnason was most probably the brother of Timocles.

12. It is noteworthy that although the agreement was drawn up in a village of the Oxyrhynchite nome, the case was to be tried at Heracleopolis, as also in 30. 14 and 93. 3. The two latter papyri are not known to be Oxyrhynchite, but 93 was probably written in that nome like the other documents from Mummy A 9. The fact that in all three instances Heracleopolis is specified as the scene of the trial may be a mere chance, but it suggests the possibility that for judicial purposes the two nomes were combined under a single administration. There is evidence that in the time of Psammetichus Heracleopolis was the centre of government for Upper and Middle Egypt (Griffith, *Demotic Papyri of the John Rylands Library*, pp. 75 sqq.); and the city may well have still retained some of its pre-eminence in the early Ptolemaic period.

13. Κρισίππου: cf. l. 21, where it seems more natural that the name of the strategus should be given than that of a πράκτωρ, and something more than [Κρ]ισίππου [το]ῦ is necessary to fill the space. Moreover, there are very few possible names ending in -ισίππος, and that the first letters of one of them should occur in the name added above l. 13 seems to be more than a mere coincidence. In 93 also the judge was to be the strategus, and it is to that official that the earlier Roman examples of similar undertakings are addressed.

14. For the active ἐνεγύησεν cf. the use of διεγγύαν in 41. 4, &c. The superfluous εγ is apparently due to a confusion on the part of the scribe, who also originally omitted the σ. ἐξενεγύησεν can hardly be read, and besides gives a wrong sense.

15. The meaning probably is that the debt was κατὰ συγγραφὴν (cf. 30. 5, 15). Clearness has been rather sacrificed to compression.

19. ἐπιδέκατα: cf. 32. 9, note. For τὰ γινόμενα cf. 111. 33-4, where they amount to 30 drachmae $1\frac{1}{2}$ obols on a principal sum of 50 dr.

21. Cf. note on l. 13. ἄλλωι, of course, does not imply that Apollonius was himself a ὑπηρέτης, but is an example of a common idiom.

93. CONTRACT OF SURETY.

Mummy A 9.

9.5 X 11 cm.

About B.C. 250.

Conclusion of a contract of surety similar in character to 92, but following a different formula. By its terms Diodorus, the surety, undertook to produce his friend on a given date before the strategus, but the nature of the case at issue is not stated as in 92. Some kind of inquiry was evidently to be held; but that any civil action had been instituted is doubtful, and the agreement is perhaps more likely to have been made with an official than with the plaintiff in a suit. The person for whom security is given may have been in a similar situation to that of the δοκιμαστής in 41, or of the prisoner released on bail in P. Oxy. 259. The papyrus most probably belongs to the reign of Philadelphus, and is likely to have been written in the Oxyrhynchite nome; cf. 92. 12, note.

σοχωῖς Διοδώρῳ Στράτωνος Πέρσηι τῆς

ἐπιγονῆς ἐγγύωι μονῆς ἐφ' ὧι παρέ-
 ξεται αὐτὸν ἐν Ἡρακλέους πόλ[ει ἐν
 τῷ ἐμφανεῖ ἔξω ἱεροῦ κατὰ πάσης
 5 σκέπης ἐπὶ τοῦ στρατ[ηγοῦ μηνὸς
 Φαρμουῖθι τῇ ιγ τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἔτους
 ἐὰν δὲ ἀποκαταστή[σῃ]
 Διονύσιον ἄκυρο[ς] ἔστω
 λωι, ἐ[λ]ν δὲ μὴ [ἀποκαταστήσῃ] εἰς ἕκ-
 10 τεισιν ἢ διάγ[νωσις] περὶ αὐτοῦ ἔσ-
 τω πρὸς βασιλικά.

' . . . to Diodorus son of Straton, Persian of the Epigone, who is surety for appearance on condition that he shall produce him at Heracleopolis openly, outside of a temple or any other shelter, before the strategus on the 13th of the month Pharmouthi of the same year. If he cause Dionysius to appear (?), proceedings against him shall be invalid; but if he fail to cause him to appear for payment, decision about his case shall be made with reference to the royal decrees.'

1. The first letters of the line suggest only a proper name. How the dative Διοδώρωι was governed is doubtful; perhaps ἐνεγύησεν or παρέδωκεν preceded.

2. ἐγγύωι μονῆς: cf. 41. 5 διεγγυήσας . . . παραμονῆς.

3-5. Cf. P. Tebt. 210, which may now be read ἔξω ἱεροῦ βωμοῦ τεμένους σκέπης πάσης (with probably ἐ[πὶ τῶν τόπων] preceding), and P. Oxy. 785 παρέξομαι ἐν τῷ ἐμφανεῖ ἐκτὸς ἱεροῦ βωμοῦ κ.τ.λ. These instances offer a good example of the persistence of such formulae. The elaborate explanation of ἀκίνδυνον παντὸς κινδύνου in B. G. U. 1053. ii. 4 sqq. is couched in somewhat similar language.

7-9. The restoration of these lines depends upon the identity of Dionysius, who may have been either the person admitted to bail or the person permitting bail to be given. In the former case Διόδωρος or εἰς ἔκτεισιν (cf. l. 9), in the latter αὐτὸν πρὸς may be read. ἡ ἔφοδος or some equivalent word is required with ἄκυρο[ς] ἔστω, but this cannot be put into l. 7, since πρὸς Διόδωρον not Διονύσιον would be expected. The syllable at the beginning of l. 9 may be the termination of a name in the dative, but it does not seem to be the same as that in l. 1. For ἀποκαταστή[σῃ] cf. P. Oxy. 259. 7.

10-11. Cf. the common phrase ὁ βασιλεὺς περὶ αὐτοῦ (&c.) διαγνώσεται, e.g. P. Amh. 29. 18. πρὸς βασιλικά, which is found also in 94. 3 and 15, 95. 14, and 124-6 in connexion with πρᾶξις or πρᾶσσειν, is apparently only a rather more general equivalent of κατὰ τὸ διάγραμμα.

94. CONTRACT OF SURETY.

Mummy 18.

19 × 8 cm.

B.C. 258-7 (257-6).

The two following texts are also contracts of surety, but of a kind of which examples belonging to this period are extant. The persons for whom surety is here given were contractors for the collection of taxes, as in P. Petrie III. 57

(a), (b), 58 (c), (d). The name of the tax in the present instance is unfortunately lost. The contractor was Semphtheus, a brewer, but since the amount involved is only 10 drachmae for a whole year, the tax is not likely to have been the *ζυτῆρά* at a considerable village such as Tholthis, unless Semphtheus was one of a large company, of which there is no indication. In P. Petrie III. 58 (d) the sum is also small, 20 drachmae. The sureties, two in number, were military settlers. Prefixed to the agreement is what appears to be an abstract of the contents, as in some other early Ptolemaic papyri (cf. 98, P. Petrie III. 58 (d), &c.), and in many of the later period.

- (δραχμῶν ?) ι ἀν[αντ]ιλ[έκτων ἐπὶ πᾶσι
[τοῖς ὑπάρ]χουσιν αὐτῶι, κα[ὶ] ἡ πρᾶξις
[πρὸς βασιλι]κά.
- [βασιλεύοντ]ος Πτολεμαίου [τοῦ Πτο-
5 [λεμαίου Σω]τῆρος (ἔτους) κη ἐφ' ἱε[ρ]ῆ[ως]
[. τ]οῦ Αὐκίγνου Ἀλεξάνδ[ρου]
[καὶ θεῶν Ἀ]δελφῶν κανηφ[ό]ρου Ἀρσ[ινό-]
[ης Φιλαδέ]λφου Νύμφης τῆς Μάγονος
[.] κς ἐν Θώλθει. ἔγγυος εἰς
10 [ἔκτεισιν] Σεμφθέως Ὁρου ζυτοποιοῦ
[κώμης Θώ]λθεως καθὰ ἐξέ[λ]αβεν πα-
[ρὰ]ς οἰκονόμου ξοιδ[.] . . [.]βρ . . .
[.] εἰς τὸ κη (ἔτος) Πο[λ]υκλῆς Θρᾶιξ
[τῶν Ζωίλο]ν [(δραχμῶν)] δέκα ἀναν[τιλέ]κτων, καὶ
15 [ἡ πρᾶξις πρὸ]ς βασιλικά ἐπὶ πᾶσ[ι] τοῖς ὑπάρχον-
[σι. (2nd hand) Κυρη]ναῖος ιδιώτης τῶν Ζ[ω]ίλου συνε-
[γγνωμαι. Πολ]υκλῆς Θρᾶιξ ιδιώτης τῶν Ζωίλου χειρο-
[γραφῶ ὑπὲρ αὐ]τοῦ ὅτι ἐγγυᾶται εἰς ἔκτεισιν Σεμφθέ-
[α Ὁρου ἐκ Θ]ώλτιος δραχμῶν δέκα κατὰ τὸ σύμ-
20 [βολον τοῦτο,]

4-20. 'In the 28th year of the reign of Ptolemy the son of Ptolemy Soter, the priest of Alexander and the gods Adelphi being . . . son of Lucinus, the canephorus of Arsinoë Philadelphus being Nympe daughter of Magon, . . . 27th, at Tholthis. Polycles, Thracian of the troop of Zoilus, is surety on behalf of Semphtheus son of Horus, brewer of the village of Tholthis, in accordance with his contract made with . . . , oeconomus, for the . . . in

the 28th year, for payment of 10 drachmae, about which there is no dispute; and execution shall be made with reference to the royal decrees, at the risk of all his property. (Signed) I . . . , Cyrenean, private of the troop of Zoilus, am surety together with him. I, Polycles, Thracian, private of the troop of Zoilus, attest on his behalf that he is surety for Semphtheus son of Horus, of Tholthis, for payment of 10 drachmae, in accordance with this deed.

1. ἀν[αντ]λ[έκτων: cf. l. 14 and 95. 13.

3. [πρὸς βασιλ]ικά: cf. l. 15 and note on 93. 10-1.

4-5. Πτολεμαίου [τοῦ Πτολεμαίου Σω]τήρος: this formula replaced Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ Πτολεμαίου (cf. e.g. 85) in the 27th year (Rev. Laws i. 1 and introd. pp. xix sqq.); the formula in the early part of the reign was Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου simply (cf. 97 and 99), and of this the latest extant example is of 100. 8, written in the 19th year, in which the change to the second formula took place; cf. 100, introd.

12. The word following οἰκονόμου might be a place-name, but the name of the tax would be expected. Neither ζυτηρᾶς nor Ὀξυρνχίτου can be read.

19. Θῶλτιος: cf. 62. 9 Θῶλται. Elsewhere (e.g. 55. 2) this village is spelled Θῶλθις.

20. Below this line are some marks in fainter ink which could be read] / α / κ; but they are more likely to be either part of a line in demotic or blottings from another document.

95. CONTRACT OF SURETY.

Mummy A 6.

Breadth 11.1 cm.

B.C. 256 (255).

An agreement of surety for a tax-farmer similar to 94 (cf. introd.), but with some peculiar features. The person for whom security was given was not himself the principal contractor, but apparently occupied a secondary position by an arrangement with the principal. The tax was the '24th upon four-footed animals at Oxyrhynchus,' which is not known from other sources. Perhaps this was an export duty, which in the case of wine at any rate, as is shown by 80, was at the rate of $\frac{1}{24}$ of the value. But the name is hardly a natural one for a customs duty, although such duties, in the Roman period at least, are now shown by P. Brit. Mus. 929 and 1107 to have been computed upon the number of laden animals, not the quantity which each carried. An alternative is to make this 24th a general impost on property in four-footed animals, the φόρος προβάτων, which is known from an unpublished Tebtunis papyrus to have existed in the third century B.C., being perhaps a branch of it. A tax of $\frac{1}{24}$ without further qualification occurs in 112 and 132; cf. 112. 38, note.

The papyrus is broken into two pieces, and two or three lines are missing in the middle, besides minor defects.

Βασιλεὺς[ο]ντος Π[τολεμ]αίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου Σωτήρος
ἐτ[ο]υς κθ' ἐφ' ἱερέως Ἀντιόχου [τοῦ .] . ε . . . Ἀλεξάν-

δ[ρο]ν κ[αί] θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν κανηφόρου Ἀρσινόης
 Φιλ[α]δέλφ[ο]ν Δημονίκης τῆς Φίλωνος μηνὸς
 5 Παῦν[ι] κδ ἐν Ὁξύρυγχων πόλει τῇ ὑπερθε
 Μέμ[φ]εως. ἔγγυος ἐ[ἰ]ς ἔκτεισιν

 Ὁξύρυχίτου τεταρτονεικοστῆς
 τετραπόδων Ὁξύρυγχων πόλεως ᾧσπ[ερ]
 [[ἐξέλαβεν]] συνετάξατο πρὸς σκέπην
 10 τοῦ τὴν κ' δ' [ἐγ]λαβόντος παρ' Ἀπολλωνίου
 . . . τῶν
 τοῦ διοικη[το]ῦ εἰς τὸ κθ (ἔτος) Πασ . . . ωνιος
 λεο . . . [. . .] ε[. . .] ε . . . [. . .] ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ὑπάρ-
 [χου]σιν ἀναντιλέκτων δ[ρ]αχ[μῶν]
 [κα]ὶ ἡ πρᾶξις πρὸς βασιλικά.

'In the 29th year of the reign of Ptolemy the son of Ptolemy Soter, the priest of Alexander and the gods Adelphi being Antiochus son of . . . , the canephorus of Arsinoë Philadelphus being Demonice daughter of Philon, on the 24th of the month Pauni, at Oxyrhynchus above Memphis. Pas . . . son of . . . onis . . . is surety on behalf of . . . of the Oxyrhynchite nome, for the 24th upon four-footed animals at the city of Oxyrhynchus, in accordance with . . . 's agreement for the security of the person who contracted for the 24th in the 29th year with Apollonius the dioecetes, at the risk of all his property, for the payment of . . . drachmae about which there is no dispute, and the execution shall be made with reference to the royal decrees.'

2. The name of the priest in dem. P. Leyden 379 is read by Revillout as 'Antimachus son of Cebes,' which our papyrus shows to be inaccurate. The first name is Ἀντίοχος, and we cannot reconcile the vestiges of the second with Κεβήτος. The last letter is, however, probably *s* rather than *v*, and the termination may be -τ[ο]ς or -[ο]ς.

5. ὑπερθε Μέμ[φ]εως: the Heracleopolite nome is similarly described as being ὑπὲρ Μέμφιν in papyri of the Roman period, e. g. C. P. R. 6. 4; cf. p. 8.

7. τεταρτονεικοστῆς: τετρακαϊκοστῆς would be the normal form at this period; cf. e. g. P. Petrie I. 25 (2) 2.

9. The fact that ἐξέλαβεν was first written (cf. 94. 11) shows that the subject of συνετάξατο is the person whose name is lost between ll. 6 and 7, and for whom security was given. σκέπην at the end of the line is extremely doubtful; επ may be *αμ*, and three letters instead of two may precede.

10. Ἀπολλωνίου: cf. 44. 3, note.

11-2. Πασ . . . may be either the name of the surety, whose description is then continued in the next line, or the name of the ἐγλαβόντος, in which case that of the surety would come in l. 12, Λε The addition above l. 11 looks more like an intentional insertion than ink which has blotted off from another papyrus. If it were intended Πᾶσ[ι]ς Θεώωνος would be a possible reading.

14. Cf. note on 93. 10-1.

96. RENUNCIATION OF CLAIMS.

Mummy A 17.

Fr. (a) 10 x 11.7 cm.

B.C. 259 (258).

An agreement in duplicate between two military settlers at Phebichis, one of whom at least was a Jew, for the settlement of a dispute between them, the nature of which is not specified. Each of the two parties withdraws his claims against the other; and the bulk of the contract is the earliest Greek example of the stereotyped formula found in P. Tor. 4, an agreement of a similar character (ὁμολογεῖ συνελύσθαι), and in cessions of land and repayments of loans, e.g. P. Grenf. II. 25, 26, 28, 30. The title of the agreement is συγγραφὴ ἀποστασίου, which throws some light on the meaning of the latter term; cf. l. 3, note. At the end are the signatures of the witnesses, whose names are also given on the verso and who seem to have been seven in number; cf. note on l. 13. The papyrus is in three fragments which do not join, and both copies of the contract are very imperfectly preserved; but by combining them the body of the document emerges nearly complete. The writing is across the fibres.

[Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ Πτολεμαίου] ἔτους
ἕκτου καὶ εἰκοστοῦ

[ἐφ' ἱερέως 22 letters Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν κανηφόρου Ἀρσινόης
Φιλα-

[δέλφου 22 letters μηνὸς Δύστρου ἐμ Φεβρίχῃ τοῦ Κωίτου.] συγγραφὴ
ἀποστασίου

[Ἀνδρονίκου τοῦ 15 letters τῆς ἐπιγονῆς καὶ Ἀλεξάνδρου τοῦ Ἀνδρονίκου
Ἰουδαίου μετὰ

5 [20 letters τῶν Ζωίλου δεκανικοῦ. ὁμολογοῦσιν διαελύσθαι πρὸς ἀλ-
λήλους πάν-

[τα τὰ ἐγκλήματα περὶ ὧν ἐνεκάλεσαν ἀλλήλοις] τῶν ἐπάνω χρόνων, μὴ
ἔξεσ[τω] δὲ Ἀνδρονίκῳ

[ἐπελθεῖν ἐπ' Ἀλέξανδρον μὴδ' Ἀλεξάνδρῳ ἐπ' Ἀνδρόνικον μὴδ' ἄλλῳι
ὑ[π]ὲρ αὐτῶν ἐπιφέ[ρ]οντάς [τι ἔγ]κλημα παρευ-

[ρέσει μηδεμιᾷ περὶ μηθενὸς τῶν προγεγονότων αὐτοῖς πρὸς ἀλλήλους
ἔ[γ]κλημάτων ἕως

[ἔτους ἕκτου καὶ εἰκοστοῦ καὶ μηνὸς Δύστρου.] ἑ[ὰν] δὲ ἐπέλθῃ ὁπό[τ]ερος
[. .] . [ἐρ[.]] . ἐπὶ τὸν ἔτε-

10 [ρον ἢ τ' ἔφοδος τῶι ἐπιπορευομένῳ ἄκυρος . .]τ . ἔστ[ω, ἐ]κτεισάτω [δ' ὁ ἐπι]πορευόμεν[ος]ς ὧι ἐὰν

[ἐπέλθῃ 33 letters ἢ συ]γ[γρ]αφή ἥδε κυ[ρία] ἔστω πανταχοῦ οὗ ἂν ἐπι-
[φέρηται. 24 letters μά]ρτυρ[ες] Νι[κό]βιος Χαλκιδεύς, Διονυσόδωρος
Κρωμνί-

[της? 32 letters] . οὔτοι τῶν Ζ[ωί]λου, Στράτων]κλεους Ἐρυ-

[θρίτης? 28 letters ω]της τῆς ἐπιγον[ῆς] λειτουργός,]κρ[. .] . [.]υς

15 [35 letters] Διωξάνδρου Βοιώτιος τῆς ἐπιγονῆς λ[ε]ι[τουρ]γός.

[10 „ συγγραφοφύλαξ Διονυσόδωρος.]

[βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ Πτολεμαίου]ν ἔτου[ς]
ἔ]κτου καὶ εἰκοσ-

[τοῦ ἐφ' ἱερέως 22 letters Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀ]δελφῶν κανηφόρου Ἀρσι-
[νόης Φιλαδέλφου 22 letters μηνὸς Δύστρου ἐ]μ Φεβίχι τοῦ Κ[ω]ίτου.

20 [συγγραφή ἀποστασίῳ Ἀνδρονίκου τοῦ 15 letters τῇ]ς ἐπιγονῆς καὶ Ἀλεξ-
άνδρου

τοῦ Ἀνδρονί[κου] Ἰουδαίου με[τὰ 20 letters τῶν] Ζωίλου δεκανικοῦ. ὁμολο-
γοῦσιν διαλελῦσθαι πρὸς ἀλ[λῆ]λους πάντα τὰ ἐγκλήματα περ[ὶ] ᾧ ὦν ἐνε-
κάλεσαν ἀλλήλοις

τῶν ἐπάνω χρόνων, μὴ ἐξ[έ]στω δὲ Ἀνδρονί[κω]ι ἐπελ[θεῖν ἐπ' Ἀλέ]ξαν[δρο]ν
μηδ' Ἀλεξάν-

δρῳι ἐπ' Ἀνδρόνικον μηδ' ἄλλ[ω]ι ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν] ἐπιφέρο[ντάς] τι ἐγκλη[μα]
παρευ[ρέσει] μηδεμ[ί]ᾳ περὶ μηθενὸς

25 τῶν π[ρ]ογεγ[ονότων] αὐτ[οῖς] πρὸς ἀλλήλους] ἐγκ[λημάτων] ἕως ἔτους ἔ]κτου
καὶ εἰκοστοῦ

κα[ὶ] μηνὸς Δύστρου. ἐὰν δ[ὲ] ἐπέλθῃ ὁπότερος] ἐπὶ τὸν ἕτερον ἢ
τ' ἔφοδος τῶι

ἐ[πιπορευομ]ένῳ ἄκυρος [. . . ἔστω, ἐκτεισάτω δ' ὁ ἐ]πιπορευόμενος ὧι ἐὰν
ἐπέλ-

[θῇ 33 letters ἢ συγγραφή ἥδε] κυρία ἔστω πανταχοῦ οὗ ἂν ἐπι-
[φέρηται. 24 letters μάρτυρες Νι]κόβιος Χαλκιδεύς, Διονυσόδωρος

30 [Κρωμνίτης 34 letters]οὔτοι τῶν Ζωίλου, Στράτων

[. . . κλεους Ἐρυθρίτης 28 letters]ωτης τῆς ἐπιγονῆς λειτουργός,

[48 letters] Διωξάνδρου Βοιώτιος τῆς ἐπιγονῆς

[λειτουργός. 30 letters συγγρα]φοφύλαξ Διονυσόδωρος.

On the verso

| | | | |
|----|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Ἀνδρονίκου] | ... ἐτι ... [| Διονυσίου |
| 35 | Ἀλεξάνδρου] | Φίλωνος | [Νικοβίου] |
| | Διονυσιοδώρου] | Στράτωνος | [Τιμοστράτου] |

7. μηδ ... αὐτῶν above the line.
27. ωι above εαν erased.

10. ωι εαν CORR.

24. μηδ ... αὐτῶν above the line.

‘In the 26th year of the reign of Ptolemy the son of Ptolemy and his son Ptolemy, ... being priest of Alexander and the gods Adelphi, the canephorus of Arsinoë Philadelphus being ... in the month Dystrus, at Phebichis in the Koite district. Contract of renunciation between Andronicus ... of the Epigone, and Alexander son of Andronicus, Jew, with ... of Zoilus’ troop, decurion. They agree that they have settled all the claims which they made against each other in former times; and Andronicus has no right to proceed against Alexander nor Alexander against Andronicus, nor may any other party on their behalf bring any claim on any pretext with respect to any of the claims which they made against each other up to the 26th year and the month Dystrus. If either of the two parties proceed against the other, both the act of aggression shall be invalid for the person making it, and the aggressor shall forfeit to the injured party a fine of ... drachmae. This contract is valid wheresoever it be produced... The witnesses are Nicobius, Chalcidian, Dionysodorus, Cromnian, ..., all three ... of Zoilus’ troop, Straton son of ... cles, Erythrian (?), ... of the Epigone, on special duty, ... son of Dioxander, Boeotian of the Epigone, on special duty. The keeper of the contract is Dionysodorus.’

3. *συγγραφὴ ἀποστασίου*: this expression has hitherto always been found in connexion with the translations of demotic deeds concerning the renunciation of rights of ownership, the (*συγγραφὴ*) *ἀποστασίου* being contrasted with the *πράσις*, the contract concerning the receipt of the purchase-price; cf. Wilcken, *Archiv*, II. p. 143 and pp. 388–9. The close similarity between the formula of 96 and that of cessions of land (e.g. P. Grenf. II. 25) fully supports Wilcken’s explanation of the distinction.

3. *Δύστρου*: this month corresponded approximately to Mecheir in the year after that in which 96 was written; cf. App. i.

4. Probably *Ἰουδαίου τῆς ἐπιγονῆς*], even if this Andronicus is not identical with the father of Alexander.

9. The word following *ὁπό[τ]ερος* is not *αὐτῶν*, and in l. 26 there is certainly not room for 8 letters between *ὁπότερος* and *ἐπί*, the restoration being in fact there sufficient without supposing the loss of any word after *ὁπότερος*. It is quite possible that in l. 9 *ὁπότερος* was written twice over by mistake. P. Tor. 4 has *ἕτερός τις ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ* at this point.

10. *ἄκυρος ἔστω* would be expected on the analogy of e.g. P. Grenf. II. 25. 20; but the traces at the beginning of the line are inconsistent with *ος*, and the initial lacuna should contain about 40 letters. Either, therefore, a word was inserted between *ἄκυρος* and *ἔστω*, or a longer verb than *ἔστω* was employed. The supposed *ε* of *ἔστ[ω]* is not very satisfactory.

11–2. *ἐπι[φέρεται]* would be expected to end the body of the contract; cf. 90. 20, 91. 13. Perhaps a blank space was left after it both here and in l. 29; or possibly *καὶ παντὶ τῷ ἐπιφέροντι* was added, as in papyri of a later period, e.g. P. Oxy. 269. 13. The reading *μά[στ]υρ[ε]ς* is, however, very doubtful, and it is not quite certain that *Νικόβιο[ς]* is nominative. In two instances at least (ll. 13 and 15) the fathers’ names are given; but on the other hand *Κρωμνι[ς]* suggests an adjective meaning ‘from Kromna’ (in Paphlagonia) rather than

a personal name, and cf. 91. 14-6, where the father's name is omitted in the case of the first witness, but not in that of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

13.] . ουτοι is the termination of some military title not found elsewhere in these papyri. οἱ τρεῖς probably preceded, if the name of a third witness occurred in the lacuna, as its length suggests. That the witnesses to this contract were seven—not, as usual, six—in number, is further indicated by the list of them on the verso, where the συγγραφοφύλαξ Dionysodorus does not occur among the six mentioned. Probably his name followed next after that of the two principals of the contract, as is the case with the συγγραφοφύλαξ in the lists of names on the verso of P. Tebt. 104 and 105. Seven witnesses are apparently found in 90 also; cf. 90. 22, note.

Ἐρυθρίτης, if correct, probably means a settler from Ἐρυθρὰ ἄκρα in the Cyrenaica.

14. λειτουργός, which at this period can mean simply a 'workman' (e. g. P. Petrie III. 46 (3). 5), is a novel title of a military settler. Probably λειτουργός has no definitely military significance, but this settler had some special duties assigned to him. The tax called λειτουργικόν which was paid by Ptolemaic cleruchs (P. Petrie III. 110, P. Tebt. 102. 3) may have been in lieu of performing these duties; cf. Wilcken, *Ost. I.* p. 382. For λειτουργίαι imposed on Greek settlers cf. 78.

16. There was very likely a blank space before συγγραφοφύλαξ both here and in l. 33.

IX. RECEIPTS

97. RECEIPT.

Mummy 5. 8 x 7.8 cm. B. C. 279-8 (278-7) or 282-1 (281-0). PLATE X.

Commencement of an acknowledgement of receipt, dated either in the 4th or the 7th year (cf. note on l. 2) of Philadelphus. In either case this is the earliest date in that reign yet found in a Greek papyrus, and ranks next in antiquity to that of 84 (a), which came from the same mummy. There is much similarity in the handwriting of the two documents. On the verso is an impression of Δαισίον from another papyrus.

Βασιλεύοντος Π[τολεμα]ίου
 τοῦ Πτο[λεμαί]ου (ἔτους) ζ' ἐφ' ἑ-
 ρέως Α[ιμ]ναί[ο]ν τοῦ Ἀπ[ο]λ-
 λῶ μην[ὶ] δ[ς] Ἀπελλαίου κς.
 5 [δ]μολογεῖ ἀπέχειν Κ . . [
 . . .]ος τ[ῶν] Ἀ-

[λεξά]νδρου ιδιώτης π[αρά
[. . . .] τ[ο]ῦ Μνασέου [. . .
.

2. The figure is broken and may be read either as δ or ζ, according as some traces of ink to the left of the diagonal stroke are regarded as accidental or not.

3. Δ[ιμ]ναί[ο]ν: cf. 30. 16, P. Petrie III. 14. 9, &c. But the initial letter may equally well be Α, e. g. Α[θη]ναί[ο]ν.

4. Apellaeus probably corresponded approximately to Mesore or Thoth at this period cf. App. i. p. 339.

6. A blank space is left for K . . . 's nationality.

98. RECEIPT OF A CAPTAIN.

Mummy 117.

22.3 x 9.8 cm.

B.C. 251 (250).

Acknowledgement by a captain of a transport that he had received 4800 artabae of barley to be delivered at Alexandria; cf. 39, 100, 156 (which was found with 98), and P. Petrie II. 48. The contract is preceded by a short abstract of its contents, as in 94.

[. (ἔτους)] λδ Μεσορῇ [κδ. ὁμολο-
γῆ] [Διονύσιος] ν[αύ]κληρος ἐμ[β]εβ[λῆ]σ-
[θαι διὰ Νεχ]θ[ε]μ[β]έους τοῦ παρὰ τῶν βα[σιλι]-
[κῶν γραμ]μ[α]τέων εἰς κέρ[ε]ρ[ε]ρ(κουρον) Ξενοδόκου [καὶ
5 Ἀ[λεξάνδρου] κριθ[ῶ]ν (ἀρτάβας) Ἄω.

[βασι]λεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαί[ου]
[Σω]τήρος (ἔτους) λδ ἐφ' ἱερέως Νεοπτολέμου
τοῦ Φριξίου Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν
Ἀδελ[φῶν] κανηφόρου Ἀρσινόης Φιλαδέλ-
10 [φο]ν Ἀρσινόης τῆς Νικολάου μηνὸς
Μεσορῇ κδ. [ὁ]μολογῆ Διονύσιος
ναύκληρος ἐμβεβλῆσθα[ι] εἰς] κέρ[ε]ρ[ε]ρ(κουρον)
Ξενοδόκου καὶ Ἀλεξάνδρου ἐφ' [οὔ] κ[υ]βερνήτης)
Ἐκτεῦρις Πάσιτος Μεμφίτης διὰ
15 Νεχθεμβέους τοῦ παρὰ τῶν βασιλικῶν
γραμματέων ὥστε εἰς Ἀλ[εξ]άνδρειαν
εἰς τὸ βασιλικὸν σὺν δείγματι [κριθῶν

ἀρτάβας τετρακισχίλιας ὀκτ[ακοσίας
 σίτον κα[θαρόν ἀ]δ[ο]λον κεκοσκιν[ευμένον] μέτρῳι [καὶ σκυτά-
 20 ληι οἷς α[ὐτὸς ἡ]νέγκατο ἐξ Ἀλεξ[ανδρείας
 μετρήσε[ι δικαίαι,] καὶ οὐθ[ὲν ἐγκαλῶ.

14. ΚΕΚΟΣΚΙΝ[ευμένον] added above the line.

'The 34th year, Mesore 24. Dionysius, captain, acknowledges that he has embarked through Nechthembes the agent of the basilicogrammateis on the boat of Xenodocus and Alexander 4800 artabae of barley.

'In the 34th year of the reign of Ptolemy the son of Ptolemy Soter, the priest of Alexander and the gods Adelphi being Neoptolemus son of Phrixius, the canephorus of Arsinoë Philadelphus being Arsinoë daughter of Nicolaus, the 24th of the month Mesore. Dionysius, captain, acknowledges that he has embarked upon the boat of Xenodocus and Alexander, the pilot on which is Ecteuris son of Pasis, of Memphis, through Nechthembes the agent of the basilicogrammateis, for transport to the royal granary at Alexandria, with a sample, 4800 artabae of barley, being pure, unadulterated and sifted grain, by the measure and smoothing-rod which he himself brought from Alexandria, with just measurement, and I make no complaint.'

1. Even if (ἐτους) was written out, the space at the beginning of the line would not be filled. Perhaps ἀντίγραφον preceded.

4. For κέρ(κουρον) cf. 82. 6. The abbreviation consists of a tall stroke slightly thickened at the top and joined to an ε, and might be read ε(); but this suggests nothing, and the first stroke is really too large for an ε. Moreover, the abbreviation κερ(), more plainly written, occurs in some unpublished similar documents from Tebtunis. The same compendium is apparently repeated in l. 12 below, with a larger curve for the ρ.

13. ἐφ' [οὐ] κ[υ] (βερνήτης): the reading of the last word is very doubtful, but cf. 39. 5-6, P. Petrie III. 107 (c). 4, &c. Xenodocus and Alexander were the owners of the boat, and Dionysius the acting principal. A similar distinction between ναύκληρος and owner occurs in the Tebtunis papyri referred to in the note on l. 4, and P. Magd. 37. 1-2.

16. P. Petrie II. 48. 4-5 may now be restored on this analogy ὥστε [εἰς Ἀλεξάνδρειαν εἰς τὸ βασιλικόν, ἐμβεβλησθαι having preceded at the end of the previous line.

17. σὺν δείγματι: cf. 39. 15-6.

19-20. Cf. 156 and P. Cairo 10250. 10 sqq. (Archiv, I. p. 80) μέτρῳι δι αὐτ[ὸς] ἐκόμισα ἐξ Ἀλεξανδρείας. Probably something similar is to be restored in P. Petrie II. 48. 9. For the σκυτάλη cf. P. Cairo 10250. 13 and P. Amh. 43. 10.

21. οὐθ[ὲν ἐγκαλῶ]: cf. 87. 13-4 and P. Petrie II. 48. 10. The same phrase also occurs at the end of some of the Tebtunis receipts referred to above.

99. RECEIPT FOR RENT.

Mummy A 17.

14.5 x 9 cm.

B. C. 270 (269). PLATE X.

An acknowledgement of the payment of rent, partly in olyra partly in a money equivalent of wheat, by two γεωργοί; cf. 100. The land in question seems to have belonged to one of the βασιλικοὶ κλήροι (85. 13; cf. 52. 26, note),

i. e. to be really βασιλικὴ γῆ; cf. note on l. 8. The protocol contains the earliest extant mention of the association of the gods Adelphi with Alexander in the Alexandrian cult, and the latest instance of the absence of the canephorus of Arsinoë. A comparison of this passage with 110. 40 and 44 shows that the association of the gods Adelphi took place between the 13th and 15th years of Philadelphus; cf. App. iii. p. 368. The canephorus first appears in a papyrus of the 19th year; cf. App. iii. p. 369. 128 is perhaps part of a duplicate of 99.

Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαί-
ου τοῦ Πτολεμαί[ο]υ (ἔτους) ιε
ἐφ' ἱερέως Πατρ[ό]κλου τοῦ
Πάτρωνος Ἀλεξάνδ[ρ]ου
5 καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν μηνὸς
Δαισίου κ. ὁμ[ολο]γεῖ
Παραμένης Κυρην[α]ῖ[ος] οἰκ[ο]-
νόμος Τελέστου ἔχε[ιν]
παρὰ Διονυσίας ὑπὲρ [. . .]
10 ὄρου ἐς τὰ ἐκφόρια τ[ο]ῦ Πρ[ω]-
τογένους κλήρου ὀλυρῶν ἀρτ(άβας) ν
καὶ παρὰ Καλλισθένου
ὀλυρῶν (ἀρτάβας) ρν καὶ τιμῆν
πυρῶν (ἀρταβῶν) ο' ἐκ β (ὀβολοῦ) τῇι
15 (ἀρτάβῃ) (δραχμᾶς) ρνα (τετρώβολον).

13. This line inserted later.

'In the reign of Ptolemy the son of Ptolemy, the 15th year, Patroclus son of Patron being priest of Alexander and the gods Adelphi, the 20th of the month Daisius. Paramenes, Cyrenean, oeconomus of Telestes, agrees that he has received from Dionysia on behalf of . . . drus, for the rent of Protogenes' holding, 400 artabae of olyra, and from Callisthenes 120 artabae of olyra and the value of 70 artabae of wheat at 2 drachmae 1 obol for the artaba, 151 drachmae 4 obols.'

6. Δαισίου: this month probably corresponded in the 15th year of Philadelphus to parts of Phamenoth and Pharmouthi; cf. App. i. p. 339.

8. Τελέστου: cf. 85. 13-4 Φιλοξένου κλήρον βασιλικὸν τῶν Τελέστου, and note. Telestes was probably captain of a troop, but what position this οἰκονόμος Τελέστου occupied is not clear. If he was an ordinary οἰκονόμος, Τελέστου would on the analogy of e.g. 169 be expected to refer to the district under his control, and it is possible that Τελέστου here and τῶν Τελέστου in 85. 14 means the district which was or had been governed by a military official called Telestes; cf. the use of the military term ἀγῆμα as the name of a toparchy in

101. 3. On the other hand, the mention of Paramenes' nationality suggests that he was not an ordinary *οικονόμος*, but a military settler acting as agent for his captain, Telestes. If so, however, the rent of Protogenes' *κλήρος* would seem to be paid not to the State, but to the leader of a troop of military settlers, whereas it is more satisfactory to regard Protogenes' *κλήρος* as one of the *κλήροι βασιλικοί* which are so often met with in the volume (cf. 52. 26, note). We prefer, therefore, to suppose that Paramenes was a government official.

10. The supposed *ο* of *δρον* is very doubtful, and *δρν* (or *αρν*) can equally well be read, and might be combined with the following *ες* as one name; but cf. 100. 11 *εἰς τὰ ἐκφόρια*.

14. 2 drachmae 1 obol for an artaba of wheat is slightly higher than the ordinary rate (2 dr.) found at this period; cf. 84 (a). 8-9, note.

100. ACCOUNT. RECEIPT FOR RENT.

Mummy 5.

14 x 7.9 cm. B.C. 267 (266). PLATE X (recto).

On one side of this papyrus is a short account in drachmae, on the other an acknowledgement by an agent of Xanthus that he had received from Euphranor some barley which was the rent of a *κλήρος*, and was being forwarded by river; cf. introd. to 39, where the same persons are also concerned, and 98. It is not quite certain which side is recto and which verso; but the smoother side seems to be that occupied by the account, which will then be earlier than B. C. 267 (266). In any case, however, the interval between the two documents is small, since they were almost certainly written by the same person, whose hand is a characteristic example of the more cursive writing of this period (see Plate X). The receipt on the verso was not completed, and blank spaces were left for some of the details. The writing on both sides is across the fibres.

The most interesting point in the papyrus is the date in ll. 8-9, where the absence of *καὶ τοῦ νιοῦ Πτολεμαίου* shows that Euergetes (if he is meant by *τοῦ νιοῦ* in that formula) was still not generally known to have been associated in the sovereignty on Phaophi 11 of the 19th year (Dec. 6, B. C. 267 if it was a revenue year, probably B. C. 266 if it was regnal; cf. p. 367). On the other hand, according to a Louvre demotic papyrus (Revillout, *Chrest. dém.* pp. 231-40), the association had taken place before Athur 30 (Jan. 24) in the 19th year (B. C. 266 or 265). Hence, assuming that our papyrus may be trusted—and in the absence of other evidence there is no ground for doubting its accuracy—the date of the association can now be more narrowly determined than previously. If the 19th year in 100 and the demotic papyrus is in both cases a revenue year, the limits are Dec. 6, 267, and Jan. 24, 266; if it is in both cases a regnal year, they are

Dec. 6, 266, and Jan. 24, 265; if the 19th year in 100 is a revenue year and that in the demotic a regnal (which is the most likely hypothesis), the limits are Dec. 6, 267, and Jan. 24, 265; the converse hypothesis would produce an inconsistency between the two papyri and need not be considered. Bouché-Leclercq (*Hist. des Lagides*, I. p. 184) rather arbitrarily adopts the year B.C. 268 as the *terminus ante quem* for the date of the association, a view which is no longer tenable.

Recto.

[ὑπ]ερανήλωκας [κη,
[εἰς] τοῦτο κομίζει
[πα]ρὰ τῶν τὰ ἀώλια ε,
[κ]αὶ παρὰ τὴν καταλ-
5 [λα]γὴν γ,
[τι]μὴν (ἀρταβῶν) 5 ιβ,
[/] κ, λ(οιπαὶ) η.

Verso.

Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαΐου
(ἔτους) ιθ μηνὸς Παῶφι ια. ἔχει Παούτης
10 ὁ σιτομέτρης Ξάνθου παρ' Εὐφρά[ν]ορος
δι' Ἀντιπάτρου εἰς τὰ ἐκφόρια τοῦ Ἀλε-
ξάνδρου κλήρου εἰς τὸ ιθ (ἔτος) ἐξ Ἀνατιεὺ
κριθῶ(ν) (ἀρτάβας?) λ πρ() εἰς βᾶριν ἐφ' ἧς κυ-
βερνήτης ναύκληρος

1. [ὑπ]ερανήλωκας: τὸ ὑπεραν(ήλωμα) occurs in the account on the verso of 112.

3. An ἀώλιον is shown by Smyly in P. Petrie III. pp. 345 sqq. to have been a volume equal to the cube of which the side was a royal double cubit. Following the letter ε at the end of the line is a circular mark resembling that used as an abbreviation of π, and it would be possible to regard επ() as a participle governing τὰ ἀώλια. But a 5 is much wanted here for the arithmetic, and the mark in question is somewhat indistinct and may be accidental. With the reading adopted in the text a participle must be supplied.

4. καταλλαγή seems here to have much the same sense as ἐπαλλαγή, a use of the word found also in classical writers.

6. (ἀρταβῶν): sc. πυροῦ probably, 2 drachmae being the normal price of an artaba of wheat at this period; cf. note on 84(a). 8-9.

8-14. 'In the 19th year of the reign of Ptolemy son of Ptolemy, the 11th of the month Phaophi, Paoutes the corn-measurer of Xanthus has received from Euphranor

through Antipater for the rent of the holding of Alexander for the 19th year, from Anatieu (?), 30 artabae of barley, which have been embarked (?) upon the boat whose pilot is and whose captain is .

10. The space before *σιτομέτρης* was intended for a further specification of Paoutes, e.g. *ἐν* with a place-name.

11-2. The *Ἀλεξάνδρου κλήρος* recurs in 39. 9. *Ἀνατιεύ* is apparently the name of a place, probably in the *Κωίτης τόπος*; cf. 39, introd.

13. The meaning of the abbreviation is obscure; the ρ (or ι) is written through the π, which may also be read as μ. A participle would suit the sense.

14. This line was probably the last, but the margin below is not broad enough to be quite decisive.

101. RECEIPT FOR RENT.

Mummy 5.

13.7 × 9.9 cm.

B. C. 261 (260).

A receipt, similar to 100, for a large quantity of barley delivered by Euphranor to a superior official as rent of cleruchic land; cf. introd. to 39.

Ἔτους κδ μηνὸς Τῦβι. ἔχει
 Λίβανος ὁ παρὰ Σέμνου σιτο-
 λόγος τοῦ Ἀγήματος παρὰ
 Εὐφράνορος ὑπὲρ Πλάτωνος
 5 εἰς οὓς γεωργεῖ κλήρους βασιλικούς)
 Ἀ[ρ]εν[δῶ]της ἐν Σισίνῃ ὑπὲρ
 [.]ον εἰς τοὺς αμασ[. .
 μέτρῳ ἀνηλωτικῶι κριθῶν ἀρτάβας ἑπτακοσίας
 ὀγδοήκοντα τέτταρας
 10 ἡμυσὺ τέταρτον ὄγδοον.

8. μετρῳ ἀνηλωτικῳι above the line.

'The 24th year, in the month of Tubi. Libanus, agent of Semnus and sitologus of the *Agema*, has received from Euphranor on behalf of Platon for the royal holdings cultivated by Harendotes, at Sisine on account of . . . for the . . . 784 $\frac{7}{8}$ artabae of barley by the spending measure.'

2-3. *σιτολόγος τοῦ Ἀγήματος*: apart from the present passage *ἀγμα* only occurs among papyri of this period in P. Petrie III. 11 and 12 in personal descriptions, e.g. 12. 16 M]ακεδὼν τῶν Πάτρωνος σύνταγμα τοῦ ἀγήματος. On that analogy τοῦ ἀγήματος here might be dissociated from *σιτολόγος* and explained as a description of Libanus. But this seems a strange addition after the specification of his office, and another explanation is suggested by a passage in C. P. R. 6. 3-4 δι' ἐπιτη[ρητῶν] ἀγορανομίας μερῶν τοπαρχίας Ἀγμή[ματος τοῦ ὑπὲρ]

Μέμφιν Ἡρακλεοπολίτου. Ἀγήματος there clearly designates a locality; and it is significant that the nome is, most probably, the same as in our receipt (cf. 39, introd.). We are accordingly disposed to regard τοῦ Ἀγήματος as a geographical term (with τόπος understood) defining the sphere of Libanus, which would be a perfectly natural addition. The origin of the term remains obscure; perhaps a large grant had been made in this neighbourhood to members of the bodyguard.

5. κλήρους βασ[ιλικούς]: cf. 85. 13 and 52. 26, note.

7. The word lost at the beginning of the line is most probably the name of the place near which the κλήροι were situated, and at which the payment would be expected, whereas it was actually made at Sisine; cf. P. Petrie III. 78. 2 ἐν Ἀπιάδι ὑπὲρ Δυσιμαχίδος, &c. αμασ[] after τοῦς is puzzling. The last is the only doubtful letter, and not more than two or three more are lost after it, if indeed there is anything missing at all. There may, however, have been an abbreviation, as in l. 5. A break occurs in the papyrus below this line, and it is possible that we are wrong in supposing the second fragment to join it directly, in which case l. 7 might end with αμα[]; but there is a stroke in the lower fragment which just suits the tail of the υ before εἰς. Perhaps εἰς τοῦς Ἀμασ[] (sc. κλήρους) should be read; cf. 117. 8 and 118. 2.

8. μέτρῳ ἀνηλωτικῷ: cf. 74. 2, note.

102. PAYMENT OF PHYSICIAN-TAX.

Mummy A.

12.3 × 16.5 cm.

B.C. 248 (247).

An undertaking, addressed in duplicate to a physician by a military settler, to pay 10 artabae of olyra or 4 drachmae for the *ιατρικόν* of the 38th year of Philadelphus. This impost for the maintenance of public physicians occurs amongst other taxes levied by the State upon military settlers in P. Petrie III. 110 and 111, where 2 artabae of wheat are paid for it, and in 103. 9, where the charge is 5 artabae of olyra; but 102 is the only instance of the *ιατρικόν* being paid direct to the physician, though payments to *ιατροί* occur in private accounts of the Ptolemaic period, e.g. P. Tebt. 112. The note on the verso probably refers to the same transaction, in which a loan of some kind seems to have been involved. The writing is across the fibres.

[. Κυρη]ν[α]ρ[ος] τῶν Ζωίλου ιδιώτης Εὐκάρ[π]ωι ἱατρῷ χαίρειν.

[τέτακται(?) σ]οὶ ἀποδώσειν ὀλυρ(ῶν) (ἀρτάβας) ι ἢ δραχμὰς τέσσαρας τὸ
ιατρι-

[κὸν τοῦ λη (ἔτους),] ταύτας δέ σοι ἀ(πο)δώσω) ἐμ μηνὶ Δαισιῶνι. ἐὰν δέ
σ[ο]ι μὴ ἀ-

[ποδῶ ἀποτείσω] σ[ο]ι τιμὴν τῆς ἀρτάβης ἐκάστης (δραχμὰς) β. ἔρρωσο.

5 [(ἔτους) λ]ζ Παῦνι 5.

[. Κυρηναῖος] τῶν Ζωίλου ιδιώτης Εὐκάρπῳ ἰατρῶι
 [χαίρειν. τέτα]κται σοὶ ἀποδώσειν ὄλυνων ἀρτάβας δέκα ἢ δρα-
 [χμὰς τέσσαρα]ς τὸ ἰατρικὸν τοῦ λη (ἔτους), ταύτας δέ σοι ἀπο-
 [δώσω ἐμ μηνὶ Δ]αυσίῳ· ἐὰν δέ σοι μὴ ἀποδῶ ἀποτείσω σ[ο]ι
 10 [τιμὴν τῆς ἀρτάβης ἐκάσ(της) (δραχμὰς) β. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λξ Παῦνι 5.

On the verso

ἐχρήσατο παρὰ . ἀπαυτος.

' . . . Cyrenean, of Zoilus' troop, private, to Eucarpus, physician, greeting. It has been ordered that I shall pay you 10 artabae of olyra or 4 drachmae as the physician-tax for the 38th year. These I will pay you in the month Daisius; and if I fail to pay you, I will forfeit to you as the value of each artaba 2 drachmae. Good-bye. The 37th year, Pauni 6.'

2. That 4 drachmae should be the alternative (and therefore presumably the equivalent) of 10 artabae of olyra gives rise to some difficulty. In 85. 15 and 119. 16 olyra is converted into wheat at the ratio of about $2\frac{1}{2} : 1$; but 4 drachmae would be expected to be equivalent at this period to 2 artabae of wheat (cf. 84 (a). 8-9, note), especially as 2 artabae of wheat are the charge for *ιατρικόν* in P. Petrie III. 110 and 111; and this makes the ratio of olyra to wheat indicated by 102 not $2\frac{1}{2} : 1$ but $5 : 1$. 103. 9, on the other hand, where 5 artabae of olyra are paid for *ιατρικόν*, will be in agreement with P. Petrie III. 110 if the ratio between olyra and wheat was $2\frac{1}{2} : 1$ as found in 85 and 119; and since the same ratio is also found in P. Tebt. 246 and 261 the circumstances in which 10 artabae of olyra were in 102 equivalent to only 4 drachmae were no doubt exceptional. That an artaba of olyra was really worth much more than $\frac{2}{5}$ drachma is also indicated by the fact that its penalty value (l. 4) is 2 drachmae an artaba. This, which agrees with the penalty value of an artaba of olyra in 86. 12, 124, and P. Tor. 13 (second century B. C.), would, if olyra was normally worth nearly a drachma per artaba, not be exceptionally high, since the penalty value of grain is in the third century B. C. often twice its normal price; cf. 88. 13, note. In 90. 15 the penalty value of olyra is apparently as high as 4 drachmae the artaba.

3. Δαυσίῳ: this month probably corresponded in the main to Pauni at this period; cf. App. i. Since the document was written in Pauni of the 37th year, Daisius no doubt refers to the 38th.

103. RECEIPT FOR PHYSICIAN-TAX AND POLICE-TAX.

Mummy 10.

12.4 × 7.3 cm.

B. C. 231 (230).

Receipt for the payment, on behalf of a military settler, probably in the Κωίτης τόπος, of 5 artabae of olyra for the *ιατρικόν*, or tax for the maintenance of physicians, and 9 artabae for *φυλακτικόν*, the police-tax; cf. introd. to 102

and 105, and 165, a similar receipt issued to the same person. The reign is no doubt that of Euergetes; cf. 66-70 (b), which came from the same mummy.

(ἔτους) ιζ̣ Φαῶφι β, ὀλ(υρῶν) ιδ̣.

Ἀπολλοφάνης Θε-
οφίλῳ χαίρειν. με-
μετρήμεθα παρὰ
5 Στρατίου ὑπὲρ
Διοδώρου Κεφάλλω-
νος δε(κανικοῦ) τῶν Ζωίλου
διὰ κωμο(γραμματέως) Εὐπόλεως
(ἔτους) ιζ̣ ἰατρικὸν ὀλ(υρῶν) ε,
10 φυ(λακιτικὸν) ὀλ(υρῶν) ἐννέα, / ὀλ(υρῶν) ιδ̣.
ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) ιζ̣
Φ[α]ῶφι β.

'The 17th year, Phaophi 2: 14 artabae of olyra.

'Apollophanes to Theophilus, greeting. We have had measured out to us by Stratius on behalf of Diodorus son of Cephallon, decurion of Zoilus' troop, through the comogrammateus Eupolis for the 17th year, 5 artabae of olyra as the physician-tax and 9 artabae of olyra as the police-tax; total 14 artabae of olyra. Good-bye. The 17th year, Phaophi 2.'

1. The abbreviation of ὀλ(υρῶν) here and in ll. 9-10 is a rounded λ surmounted by a small ο.

6-8. Diodorus and Eupolis reappear in 104 and 165. For the abbreviation of δεκανικός cf. 81. 16, note.

104. RECEIPT FOR VARIOUS TAXES.

Mummy 10.

8.9 x 7.3 cm.

B. C. 225 (224).

A receipt in duplicate issued by Eupolis the comogrammateus to Diodorus (cf. 103) for the imposts called *τρηράρχημα* and *διάχωμα*, the police-tax (on which see 105, introd.), and the tax on horses. These four taxes are found together with some others in P. Petrie II. 39 (e). The horse-tax is there mentioned but once under the name *φόρος ἵππων*, the amount paid being lost. Here it is simply called *ἵππων*, and 1 drachma 5 obols are entered under that head. It belonged to the category of taxes on property, and was no doubt paid by

Diodorus on the horse which his military duties obliged him to keep. The meaning of *τριηράρχημα* and *διάχωμα* is unknown. Smyly is probably right (P. Petrie III. p. 277) in doubting whether the former has any naval significance, and in connecting it rather with the use of *τριήραρχος* in e. g. P. Petrie III. 43 (3). 21, where the word apparently means an overseer of workmen. In P. Petrie II. 39 (e) the sums paid for these two taxes are 5 drachmae and 4 drachmae 1 obol respectively. The corresponding amounts in 104 are 6 drachmae 4½ obols and 6 drachmae.

(ἔτους) βκ Παῦνι λ. ἔχει Εὐ-
πολις παρὰ [Διοδ]ώρου
εἰς τὸ βκ (ἔτος) τριηράρχημα
[[δραχμὰς]] 5 (τετρώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον), διάχωμα (δραχμὰς) 5,
5 φυ(λακιτικὸν) (δραχμὰς) 5, ἵππων (δραχμὴν) α (πεντώβολον).

(ἔτους) κβ Παῦνι λ. ἔχει Εὐ-
πολις παρὰ [Διοδ]ώρου
Κεφάλλωνο[ς εἰς] τὸ βκ [(ἔτος)
τριη[ρ]άρχ[η]μα (δραχμὰς) 5 (τετρώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον),
10 [διά]χ[ω]μα (δραχμὰς) 5, φυ(λακιτικὸν) (δραχμὰς) 5,
[ἵππων (δραχμὴν) α (πεντώβολον).]

‘The 22nd year, Pauni 30. Eupolis has received from Diodorus for the 22nd year for *τριηράρχημα* 6 drachmae 4½ obols, for *διάχωμα* 6 drachmae, for police-tax 6 drachmae, for horse-tax 1 drachma 5 obols.’

1. βκ: other examples of this order are found e. g. in 110. 37, P. Petrie II. 13 (17). 3, P. Magd. 3. 3.

2. The omission of *Κεφάλλωνος* (cf. l. 8) was an oversight.

105. RECEIPT FOR POLICE-TAX.

Mummy A 15.

7.1 × 7 cm.

B. C. 228 (227).

A receipt for 2 artabae of wheat paid by a military settler belonging to the troop of Zoilus, probably at Phebichis, for the maintenance of the police. This impost is frequently mentioned in the Petrie papyri, where, besides the tax on land called *φυλακιτικὸν γῆς* (III. 112 (h). 3-8) or simply *φυλακιτικόν* which

corresponds to the φυλ. τοῦ ἰδίου κλήρου here, we hear of a φυλακιτικόν levied upon sheep (λείας προβάτων, III. 111. 8), animals for sacrifice (ιερείων, III. 109 (a). iv. 13), associations and workshops (ἐθνῶν καὶ ἐργαστηρίων, III. 32 (f). 2), and geese (χηνῶν, III. 112 (a). ii. 5). When levied upon land it was sometimes paid in money, 1 drachma per aroura being the rate found in III. 70 (a). i. 4, but more often in corn, as here, the annual amounts ranging from $1\frac{2}{3}$ artabae of wheat (III. 54 (b). d, verso 3) to 3 artabae (II. 39 (e). 2). Cf. 143, another receipt with the same formula, 103. 10, where the charge is 9 artabae of olyra (equivalent to nearly 4 artabae of wheat; cf. 85. 15), and 104, where 6 drachmae are paid for φυλακιτικόν. The 19th year in l. 1 refers more probably to Euergetes than to Philadelphus.

(Ἔτους) ιθ Παῦνι κη. ὁμολογεῖ Θεό-
 δωρος μεμετρηῆσθαι παρὰ
 Ἐρξάμιος τοῦ Χ. ρίου ἰλ(άρχου) τῶν
 Ζωίλου τὸ γινόμενον φυλα-
 5 κιτικὸν τοῦ ἰδίου κλήρου) πυρ(ῶν) δύο.

'The 19th year, Pauni 28. Theodorus agrees that he has had measured to him by Herkamis son of Ch . . . , captain of Zoilus' troop, the due amount of the police-tax upon his own holding, two artabae of wheat.'

1. Θεόδωρος is perhaps identical with the Theodorus in 75. 1, though the Theodorus here would be expected to be an official of the θησαυρός, a position which does not suit the Theodorus in 75.

3. ἰλ(άρχου): this abbreviation consists of a large λ with a small ι underneath, and recurs in 143; cf. P. Petrie III. 54 (a). (4) ii. 5, where it appears to mean ἰλ(άρχης). The circumstance that in 103. 7 the payer of ἱατρικόν and φυλακιτικόν is a δε(κανικός) makes ἰλ(άρχου) much more probable here than e. g. Λί(βνος).

5. ἰδίου: cf. 90. 7, note.

106. RECEIPT FOR BEER-TAX.

Mummy A 15.

10.2 x 7 cm.

B. C. 246 (245).

This and the following papyrus together with 136-142 form a series of receipts for the payment of ζυτηρά in the second and third years of a king who is no doubt Euergetes. The payments are made into the λογευτήριον at Phebichis, which village seems to have been a kind of centre of the finance administration of the Κωίτης. The λογευτήριον, a term hitherto known only from

Rev. Laws xi. 13, in these receipts (cf. 108. 2, 114. 7) occupies the place of the royal bank, and seems to be hardly distinguishable from it, since the recipient of the tax is the *τραπεζίτης*, with whom is coupled the *δοκιμαστής*. The close association of these two officials (cf. 108. 4, where the *δοκιμαστής* is apparently found acting for the *τραπεζίτης*, and 41, a letter concerning a *δοκιμαστής*) casts a new light on the functions of the *δοκιμαστής*, who up to now has only been mentioned in P. Leyden Q and P. Petrie III. 50. 2. From the Leyden papyrus, a receipt for 20 drachmae on account of *ἀπόμοιρα* (cf. 109) paid over by a *δοκιμαστής* to a *πράκτωρ* in circumstances which are rather obscure, it has been supposed that the *δοκιμαστής* was particularly concerned with the *ἀπόμοιρα*, especially with conversions of payments in kind into money (Wilcken, *Ost. I.* pp. 361-2). The Hibeh texts, however, indicate that his functions were much wider, and that he acted as a check on the *τραπεζίτης* in the same way as the *ἀντιγραφεύς* controlled the *οἰκονόμος*, thus affording another illustration of a favourite Ptolemaic practice. In 41 the collection of arrears of taxation and the selling of oil manufactured by the government appear among the duties of a *δοκιμαστής*, and *δοκιμασταί* are mentioned in 29. 19 in an obscure context. An impost called *δοκιμαστικόν*, apparently a charge for the maintenance of *δοκιμασταί*, occurs in 110. 44 and perhaps in 29. 24.

Besides the *τραπεζίτης* and *δοκιμαστής* who issue this series of receipts, other officials were generally present; in one instance (107. 5) the *οἰκονόμος*, but in most cases Dorion, whose title where it occurred in 107. 4 is lost (but may have been *ἐπιστάτης* if he is identical with the Dorion in 72. 4), and whose signature has usually been appended at the end of the receipts. The payments are made by different persons who are all agents of an inhabitant of Talaë called Taëmbes. Whether he was the tax-collector or the tax-payer is not clear; but from 108, in which the general formula is similar and the person in l. 5 corresponding to the agents of Taëmbes here is the tax-payer's representative, not the tax-collector, we prefer to suppose that Taëmbes is the person upon whom the *ζυτηρά* is levied, and to make these payments parallel to those mentioned in P. Petrie III. 37 (b). verso iv. 15 sqq., where *καὶ παρὰ τῶν ζυτοποιῶν πέπτωκ[εν] παρὰ Παμάτιος . . . χαλ(κοῦ) ρν κ.τ.λ.* is found in an account of, probably, a royal bank. This interpretation will fit in very well with the generally-received view of the *ζυτηρά* (cf. Wilcken, *Ost. I.* pp. 369-73), that it was a tax on the profits of beer-manufacture, but a good many points connected with the taxes upon that important industry are still in doubt. The sums paid by Taëmbes' agents consist of monthly instalments ranging from 8 drachmae (138) to 20 (106. 8) in copper, the rate of which is three times (106. 8, 107. 7, and 138; in 137 the figures are obliterated) given as apparently $24\frac{1}{4}$ obols for a stater. This

extremely small addition to the rate of 24 obols for a stater found in the case of those taxes in which the government accepted copper at par is in accordance with the evidence of P. Par. 62. v. 19, that in the second century B. C. the ζυτηρά was an ὠνὴ πρὸς χαλκὸν ἰσόνομον. The extra $\frac{1}{4}$ obol per stater or approximately 1 per cent., which is levied in the Hibeh texts, probably corresponds to the extra charges of 1 per cent. for ἐπισκευή and 2 per cent. for transport which are mentioned in connexion with the ζυτηρά in the Paris papyrus. Above each receipt is a brief summary, and at the end of each are a few words of demotic. The writing is in most cases, including 106, across the fibres.

(ἔτους) β Ἀθὺρ λ, (δραχμαὶ)] κ.

(ἔτους) β Ἀθὺρ λ. πέπτωκεν

ἐπὶ τὸ ἐμ Φεβίχι λογευτήριον

τοῦ Κώϊτου Πάσωνι τραπε-

5 ζίτηι καὶ Στοτοήτι δοκι-

μαστῇ παρὰ Ἀρενδώτου το(ῦ) παρὰ Ταεμβέους

ἐκ Ταλάη ζυτηρᾶς εἰς τὸν

Ἀθὺρ χα(λκοῦ) εἰς κδ (τέταρτον ?) (δραχμὰς) εἴκοσι, / κ.

2nd hand [πα]ρόντ[ο]ς Δωρίωνος.

1 line of demotic.

6. ἀρενδώτου το(ῦ) παρα above the line.

'The 2nd year, Athur 30: 20 dr. The 2nd year, Athur 30. Harendotes, agent of Taëmbes from Talaë, has paid into the collecting office of the Koite toparchy at Phebichis, to Pason, banker, and Stotoëtis, controller, for the beer-tax on account of Athur twenty drachmae of copper at $24\frac{1}{4}$ obols (for a stater), total 20. In the presence of Dorion.'

8. κδ (τέταρτον): very little of the δ is left; but the traces are inconsistent with ε or ζ, and cf. 107. 7, where δ is certain. There is more doubt about the fraction; all that remains is a piece of a horizontal stroke joining the sign for drachmae. If it represents $\frac{1}{4}$ obol, which is usually written \sqcap , the writer must on reaching the end of the horizontal stroke have drawn his pen back a little way before making the down stroke, just as he usually does in writing τ. The only alternative is to read (ἡμιωβέλιον), but we hesitate to introduce a rate which would be necessarily different from those found in 107. 7 (cf. note) and 138; and if, as is likely, the rate is the same in all three cases, $24\frac{1}{4}$ is the only suitable number.

107 RECEIPT FOR BEER-TAX.

Mummy A 15.

6.5 × 7.2 cm.

B. C. 244 (243).

Another receipt for beer-tax similar to 106, but mentioning in ll. 3-4 the presence of two officials; cf. 106, introd. The writing is across the fibres.

[("Ετους) γ Παῦνι λ, (δραχμαὶ) .]

(ἔτους) γ Παῦνι λ. πέπτ[ω]κε[ν] ἐπὶ τὸ ἐν
Φεβίχρῳ λο(γευτήριον) Νικολάωι τρ(απεζίτηι) [καὶ Στοτοήτει
δο(κιμαστήι) παρόντος Δωρίωνος [. καὶ
5 Ζηνοδώρου οἰκονόμου πα[ρὰ]
στιος το(ῦ) παρὰ Ταμβέους ἐκ [Ταλάη ζυτηρᾶς
εἰς τὸν Παῦνι εἰς κδ (τέταρτον) (δραχμὰς) εἰ.

2nd hand (ἔτους) γ Παῦνι λ, παρόντος Δ[ωρίωνος].

1 line of demotic.

4. The missing title is perhaps ἐπιστάτου; cf. 106, introd. In 108. 3 the βασιλικὸς γραμματεὺς is associated with the οἰκονόμος in a similar context, but is named second.

7. The supposed sign for $\frac{1}{4}$ obol has the horizontal portion longer and more curved than usual; but it is certainly not the symbol for $\frac{1}{2}$ obol, nor can it be satisfactorily regarded as a combination of the two, especially since $\frac{1}{4}$ is certainly the only fraction found in 138 where the preceding δ is doubtful, and in 106. 8 the doubtful symbol may represent $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ obol, but not both; cf. note *ad loc.*

108. RECEIPT FOR BATH-TAX.

Mummy A 16.

8.2 × 6.3 cm.

B. C. 258 (257) or 248 (247).

A receipt with a formula very similar to that of 106-7, issued by a λογευτήριον for the payment of 10 drachmae on account of the bath-tax, probably a general impost levied for the construction and maintenance of public baths; cf. note on l. 7. The papyrus comes from the same piece of cartonnage as the correspondence of Leodamas (45-50), and the date is probably the 27th or 37th year of Philadelphus.

(Ἔτους) [.]ξ Φαρμ[οῦθι] . . πέπτωκεν ἐπὶ τὸ
 ἐν Φῦς λογευτήριον δι' οἶκον[όμου]
 Διοδώρου καὶ βασιλικοῦ γραμματέως) [. . . .
 [Θε]οδῶραι τραπεζῇ[τηι] διὰ [δοκι-
 5 [μ]αστοῦ Ὁρου παρὰ Πυ[.
 ὑπὲρ Δημοφώντος [.
 βαλανείου το(ῦ) πεντεκ[αι (ἔτους)
 [(δραχμὰς) δ]έκα.

'[.]7th year, Pharmouthi . . P . . . has paid on behalf of Demophon into the collecting office at Phus through Diodorus, oeconomus, and . . . , basilicogrammateus, to Theodorus, banker, through Horus, controller, for the bath-tax of the [.]5th year 10 drachmae.'

2. Φῦς: a village of the Heracleopolite nome, probably in the Κωίτης; cf. C. P. R. 64. 12.

4. [δοκιμ]αστοῦ: cf. 108, introd.

7. βαλανείον: cf. 112. 96 and βαλανείων as the title of a tax in P. Petrie III. 37 (b). verso 7, 119 (a). 2, and 121 (a). 14. On the bath-tax, which was in Roman times called βαλανικόν, see Wilcken, *Ost.* I. pp. 165-70. His argument from the silence of the ostraca, that this impost was introduced by Augustus, is now shown to be incorrect. Wilcken hesitates between two interpretations, (1) a general tax for the maintenance by the State of public baths, (2) a charge for the use of public baths levied in the form of a tax upon only those persons who used them. The former view seems to us much more likely, especially as small charges for the use of baths (generally $\frac{1}{4}$ obol) are common in private accounts of the earlier Ptolemaic period, e.g. P. Petrie III. 132-42, and are clearly distinct from the tax called βαλανείων. That public baths were not in all cases owned by the government appears from 116, where the tax τρίτη βαλανείων occurs. This, on the analogy of e.g. τρίτη περιστερώνων, seems to be an impost of $\frac{1}{3}$ upon the profits of privately owned baths. The supply of bathing-establishments in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt must have been surprisingly large.

109. RECEIPT FOR ἀπόμοιρα.

Mummy 83.

4.5 x 10.9 cm.

B. C. 247-6.

Two receipts for payments of 10 and 5 drachmae respectively on account of the tax of $\frac{1}{6}$ on the produce of vineyards and gardens, otherwise called the ἀπόμοιρα. For the history of this impost, the benefit of which was transferred in the 23rd year of Philadelphus from the temples to the deified Arsinoë (whence the name ἔκτη Φιλαδέλφωι, e.g. in 132), cf. Rev. Laws pp. 119 sqq., Wilcken, *Ost.* I. pp. 157 sqq. and 615, P. Tebt. 5. 51, note, and Otto, *Priester und Tempel*, I. pp. 340-56. In the present case the tax was levied upon a palm-garden, and therefore in money, and the two payments were for a single year.

Col. i.

.
 [. . οἰκονό]μον Ἀριστογέν[ηs] κ[αὶ]
 [. τὸ] παρ' αὐτῶν κα[ὶ τ]ῶν
 [μετόχω]ν εἰς τὴν ζ' τοῦ Τεισάν-
 [δρου φοι]νικῶνος τοῦ πρὸς τῇ
 5 [διοικήσει] εἰς τὸ λθ' (ἔτος) χαλκοῦ
 [πρὸς ἀργ]ύριον (δραχμὰς) δέκα, / (δραχμαὶ) ι.

Col. ii.

.
 τραπ[εζίτῃ καὶ δοκι-
 μα[σ]τῇ Ἀριστογένη[s καὶ
 τὸ παρ' αὐτῶν καὶ τῶν μετ[όχων]
 10 εἰς τὴν ζ' τοῦ Τεισάνδρου φοινικ[ῶ]-
 νος τοῦ π[ρὸ]s [τῇ διο]ικήσει εἰς τὸ λθ' [(ἔτος)
 χαλκοῦ πρὸς ἀργύριον (δραχμὰς) πέντε, / (δραχμαὶ) ε.

11, 7-12. 'Aristogenes and . . . (have paid to) . . . , banker and . . . , controller, the amount due from them and their partners for the tax of $\frac{1}{8}$ upon the palm-garden of Teisander, the finance official, for the 39th year, in copper on the silver standard five drachmae, total 5 drachmae.'

1. Either διὰ . . . οἰκονό]μον or παρόντος . . . οἰκονό]μον may be restored; cf. 107. 5-6, 108. 2.

4-5. τοῦ πρὸς τῇ [διοικήσει] may refer to φοινικῶνος, but is more easily explained if connected with Τεισάνδρου: this use of πρὸς in describing officials is extremely common; cf. e. g. P. Tebt. 30. 18 τῶν δὲ πρὸς ταῖς γραμματείαις. ὁ πρὸς τῇ διοικήσει may well be, like ὁ ἐπὶ τῆς διοικήσεως in Rev. Laws, a periphrasis for διοικητής. Aristogenes and his partners were probably lessees of Teisander.

5. λθ' (ἔτος): the last (revenue) year of Philadelphus; cf. 53. 4, note and App. ii. p. 364.

5-6. χαλκοῦ [πρὸς ἀργ]ύριον: cf. 70(a). 9, note. Down to the reign of Epiphanes the money payments for ἀπόμωρα had to be made either in silver or in copper at a discount. Later in the second century B. C., as is shown by Wilcken, *Ost.* no. 1518, copper was accepted at par.

7-8. On the association of τραπεζίτης and δοκιμαστής cf. 106, introd.

X. ACCOUNTS

110. ACCOUNTS: POSTAL REGISTER.

Mummy 18.

19.4 × 30.5 cm. Recto about B. C. 270; Verso about B. C. 255.

The recto of this papyrus contains a long account apparently of a private or semi-private character, but kept by some person in the government service, since the document on the verso is clearly official. The account is in three columns; but of the first only ends of lines remain, and these are almost all occupied with a list of *σώματα* which are reckoned at sums varying from 1 obol to 2½ obols, e. g. *σώματα ι] ἀν(ἀ) (δνόβολους) / (δραχμαί) γ (δνόβολοι), ἄλλα δ (δραχμη) α | . . .]τιος σώματα κη ἀν(ἀ) (δνοβόλους) (ἡμιωβέλιον) / (δραχμαί) ια (τετρώβολον)*,—no doubt a wages account. Near the top of the column occurs *]ορον κλήρωι* and at the bottom a mention of . . . *ἱππων (δραχμαί) κ* and *φοινίκων*. Col. ii and the upper part of Col. iii are occupied with an account of corn, some of which was transported to Alexandria, and interesting details are given of expenses *en route*. The lower portion of the third column contains a few short money accounts, and concludes with three lines which belong to the document on the verso.

This is of a more novel and important character. It is a record of the arrival at and departure from some intermediate station of letters and other documents sent to or from the king or high officials, and affords a most interesting glimpse into the management and nature of the State postal-service. Careful note is made of the day and hour of the arrival of each messenger, his name and that of the clerk who received and issued letters at the office, the number and addresses of the packets, and the names of the messengers to whom they were handed on. The day-book in the registered letter department of a modern post-office can hardly be more methodical and precise. The documents forwarded are mostly described as *κυλιστοί* (usually abbreviated *κ*, but written out in ll. 51, 73, and 110), i. e. 'rolls,' which are apparently distinguished from *ἐπιστολαί*, 'letters' (ll. 57, 98, 107); but the difference was perhaps one of size rather than of contents. That the register on the verso was not separated by any wide interval of time from the account on the recto, which was drawn up soon after the 14th year, is shown by the mention of

Apollonius, the well-known dioecetes in the 27th–32nd years; cf. 44. 3, note. The locality of the postal bureau is not clearly defined. The writer of the recto had business concerns at Hiera Nesos in the south of the Fayûm, and Plutarchus and Criton, who are mentioned in Col. ii, are known from other papyri to have been connected with that neighbourhood; cf. introd. to 63. But Phebichis in the *Κωίτης τόπος* is referred to in l. 36; and that is a much more suitable scene for the composition of the official register, which points decidedly to some town in the Nile valley as its provenance. Preceding the two columns of the verso which we print there remain the ends of a few lines of another much effaced column, but they add no information.

Recto.

Col. ii.

- ἔχω παρὰ Πολέμωνος (πυρῶν) (ἀρτάβας) θ,
καὶ παρ' Ἀγάθωνος [ρ]q[δ,]
παρὰ Σίμου κζ,
καὶ ὑπὲρ Εὐβούλου κ,
5 / τλα. / εἰς τὸ Ἑρακ[λ]εῖον α,
καὶ εἰς τὸ ναῦλον ι (δραχμῶν) κ[]
Πλουτάρχῳ κ, λοιπαὶ τ.
τούτων ἐγένοντο δ . . [. .] . [. . . .]ων
ἐγβολὴν [.]ουχ . μωνος . [. .]ν[.] . . εον α,
10 Φιλοκλεῖ εἰς τὰ ἐπιτήδε[ε]α [ε,] / σqδ.
ἐπράθησαν ἀν(ὰ) (δραχμάς) δ (πεντώβολον), / (δραχμαὶ) Ἀυκα.
ἔλαβον δὲ καὶ κριθὴν παρ' Ἀγ[ά]θωνος ρι.
τούτων Πλουτάρχῳ κ, λοιπαὶ θ.
τούτων διάμετρα αλ σιτομετρικὸν [λ,]
15 λοιπαὶ πη. ἐπράθησαν ἀν(ὰ) [(δραχμὴν)] α (τριώβολον) (ἡμιω-
βέλιον),
/ (δραχμαὶ) ρλθ (δυόβολοι).
εἶχον δὲ καὶ Κρίτωνι τῶν κ (ἀρταβῶν) τῶν (πυρῶν) (δραχμάς) μ,
καὶ ναῦλον [[των]] τῶν πυρῶν καὶ κριθῶν ἔχω (δραχμάς) ιε.
εἰς ταῦτα ἔχει Κρίτων χρυσίου ην,
20 ἀργυρίου (δραχμάς) νμη.
ἀνήλωμα τοῦ σίτ[ο]ν ἐφ' Ἱερᾷ Νήσῳ σάκκου β (τετρώβολον),
φυλακτικὰ ἀφ' Ἱερᾶς Νήσου ἕως Ἀλεξανδρείας (δραχμαὶ) ιδ,

ἐπὶ φυλακῆς γρ[α]μματικὸν (δραχμαὶ) δ, τῶι παρερ . . ηρι[ο].[.] (δραχμὴ ?) α,
 ἐμ Μέμφει γραμματικὸν (δραχμὴ) α . . , ἐπὶ τῆς κάτω φυ[λα]κ(ῆς)
 25 [έν] Σχεδίαι (δραχμαὶ) δ, [.]λα . [.]ν (δραχμαὶ) ι, έν Α[λεξ]α[νδ]ρείαι
 Τεισά[ρχ]ωι (δραχμαὶ) ε, γραμματικὸν (δραχμαὶ) [.] (πυρῶν)
 τῇν (ἀρτάβην) (ἡμιωβέλιον ?), / (δραχμαὶ) κδ (τριώβολον), [.] . γετ . . α
 κρ(ιθῆς) (δραχμαὶ) ζ [(δυόβολοι),

14. διαμετρα: Pap.

Col. iii.

τέλος (δραχμαὶ) ος, ναῦλ[ον] (δραχμαὶ) . . , ἀντι-
 γραφεῖ τοῦ Φιλοκλέου[s]
 30 τραπεζίτηι δοκιμαστικοῦ
 ἀπὸ Σχεδίας ναῦλον εἰς πόλιν [(δραχμαὶ) . . ,
 ἀναπλέοντες ναῦλον (δραχμαὶ) β[
 εἰς τοῦτο εἶχον παρὰ Κρίτω[νος] (δραχμὰς) . .
 (ἔτους) ιδ Ἐπεὶ β.
 35 λόγου γενομένου Πλουτάρχ[ωι
 ἐμ Φεβίχι. προσωφείλησα σὺν [ἀνηλώμα-
 σιν καὶ φυλακιτικοῖς τοῦ γι [(ἔτους)
 καὶ Ἀριστάρχου τὸ πᾶν (δραχμὰς) λ[.] . καὶ
 κριθῶν (ἀρτάβας) ιε.
 40 (ἔτους) ιβ ἐφ' ἱερέως [[εφ ἱερεω[s]] τοῦ Καλ-
 λιμήδους μηνὸς Δύστρο[υ] ἔχει
 παρὰ Πλουτάρχ[ο]ν δ κα[τέβαλε]
 καὶ Μνησιστράται (δραχμὰς) ξ τόκ[ο]ν τ[ὸ] μῆνα (δραχμῶν) .
 ἄλλας ἔχει (ἔτους) ιγ ἐφ' ἱερέως Νεα[.] . . . τοῦ . . .
 45 οκλέους μην(ὸς) Λωίου ἃς ἔδωκεν Ἀπ[ολλωνίωι
 (δραχμὰς) ξ τόκου τὸ μῆνα (δραχμῶν) δ. [
 ἄλλας τοῦ αὐτοῦ (ἔτους) μηνὸς Ὑπερβε-
 ρεταίου [εἰχ]εν (δραχμὰς) ξ ἃς κατέβαλεν Ἀπολ-
 [λ]ωνίωι τῶι φυλακίτηι τόκου τ[ὸ] μ
 50 μῆνα (δραχμῶν) ε.

2nd hand κυλιστοι̃ ς, / βασιλῖ γ κα[ῖ ἐπισ-
τολήν, Θευγένι χρηματαγωγ[ῶι . ,
Ἀπολλωνίω[ι] [δ]ιο[ι]κ[η]τῇ[ι] [.

48. (δραχμας) ξ above the line.

Verso.

Col. ii.

- [ι]ς. [. . .] . ν[.] . [. . .] [.] . [.]
- 55 [Αλ]εξάνδρῳ ς, τ[ο]ύτων [βασι]λεῖ
Πτο[λ]εμαίῳ κυλιστὸς α, Ἀπολ[λ]ων[ί]ῳ δι-
[κη]τῇ κυλιστὸς α, ἐπιστολαὶ δύο πρὸς τῷ
[κυλ]ιστῷ προσδεδεγμ(έναι), Ἀντιόχῳ Κρητὶ κυλιστὸς α, Μην[ο]-
δ[ώρ]ῳ κυλιστὸς α, Χελ[.]ῳ . [.]αι ἐν ἄλλῳ κυλιστὸς α,
60 Ἀ[λ]εξανδρος δὲ παρέδωκεν Ν[ι]κοδόμῳ.
ιζ. ὥρας ἑωθινῆς παρέδωκεν Φοῖνιξ Ἡρα-
κλείτῳ ὁ νεώτερος Μακεδὼν
(ἐκατοντάρουρος) Ἀμίν[ον] κυλιστὸν α καὶ τὸ ἄξιον Φανία[ι],
Ἀμ[ί]ν[ω]ν
δὲ παρέδωκεν Θευχρήστῳ.
65 ιη. ὥρας πρώτης παρέδωκεν Θεύχρ[η]σ-
τος ἄνοθεν Δινίαι κυλιστὸς γ, / βασιλῖ
Πτολεμαίῳ κυλιστοὶ β, Ἀπολλωνίῳ
διοικητῇ κυλιστὸς α, Δινίας δὲ παρέ-
δωκεν Ἰππολύστῳ.
70 ιη. παρέδωκεν ὥρας ς Φοῖνιξ Ἡρακλείτῳ
ὁ πρεσβύτερος Μακεδὼν (ἐκατοντάρουρος)
Ἡρακλεοπολίτῳ τῶν πρώτων Εσσηπ[.] . [.] .
κυλιστὸν α Φανίαι, Ἀμίνων [δ]ὲ παρέ[δ]ωκε(ν)
Τιμοκράτῃ.
75 ιθ. ὥρας ια πα[ρ]έδ[ω]κε Νι[κ]οδόμοι
κάτοθεν Ἀλεξάνδρῳ κυλιστὸς . , παρ[ὰ]
βασιλέως Πτολεμαίου Ἀντιόχῳ εἰς
Ἡρακλεοπολίτην κυλιστὸν α, Δημητρίῳ[ι]

- 80 τῶι πρὸς τῇι χορηγία[ι τ]ῶν ἐλεφάντων
 εἰς τὴν Θηβαίδα κυ(λιστὸν) α, Ἱπποτέλ[η]ι
 τῶι παρ' Ἀντιόχου κατὰ Ἀνδρῶν[ι]κου
 ἐν Ἀπόλλωνος πόλι τῇι μεγάλῃ
 κυ(λιστὸν) α, γ παρὰ βασιλέως Πτολεμαίου
 85 Θευγένει χρηματα[γω]γῶι κυ(λιστὸν) α,
 Ἑρακλεοδώρῳ εἰς τῇ[ν] Θηβαίδα [κυ(λιστὸν) α],
 Ζώλωι τραπεζίτῃ Ἑρμοπολίτ[ου] κυ(λιστὸν) [α,
 Διονυσίῳ οἰκον(όμ)ῳι εἰς τὸν Ἀρσινόιτῃ[ν κυ(λιστὸν)] α,

58. προσδεγμ(εναι) added above the line. 60. This line inserted later. 61. ιτ of
 ηρακλειτου corr. 66. l. ἄνωθεν: so in ll. 107, 109. 71. κ of μακεδων corr. from δ.
 75. ωρα over an erasure. 76. l. κάτωθεν: so in l. 98.

Col. iii.

Vestiges of three lines.

- 91 κ. ὥρας [.] παρέδωκ[εν Α]υκοκλῆς Ἀμ[ίνονι
 κυ(λιστὸς) γ, l [β]α[σι]λῆ [Πτο]λεμ[αί]ῳ [.] τῶν ἐλεφάντων
 τῶν κα[τ]ὰ Θ[α]. .] σου κυ(λιστὸς) α, Ἀπολλωνίῳ
 δι[ο]ικητῇ κυ(λιστὸς) α, Ἑ[ρ]μ[ι]π[ω]ί τῶι ἀπ[ὸ] τοῦ
 95 πληρώματος κυ(λιστὸς) α, Ἀμίνων δὲ π[α]ρέδω-
 κεν Ἱππολύσῳι.
 κα. ὥρας 5 παρέδωκεν [.]εναλε . [.]
 κάτωθεν Φανίαι ἐπιστο[λὰ]ς δύο [.] ,
 Ὡρος δὲ παρέδωκεν Διο[ν]υσίῳ . . [.]
 100 κβ. ὥρας πρώτης πα[ρ]έδωκεν Α[.] .]ων [Διν]ίαι
 κυ(λιστὸς) ις, l βασιλεῖ Πτολεμαί[ω]ι κ[υ] (λιστοῖ) .
 παρὰ τῶν ἐλεφάντων τῶν κατὰ Θ[α]. . σου,
 Ἀπολλωνίῳ διοικητῇ κυ(λιστοῖ) δ [.] ,
 Ἀντιόχῳ Κρητὶ κυ(λιστοῖ) δ, Δινίας δὲ [πα]ρέδω-
 105 κεν Νικοδήμῳι.
 κβ. ὥρας ιβ παρέδωκεν Λέων Ἀ[μίνονι
 ἄνωθεν βασιλῇ Πτολεμαίῳ [κυ(λιστὸς) . ,
 Ἀμίνων δὲ παρέδωκεν [Ἱ]π[ω]λύσῳι.

κγ. ἐωθινῆς ἄνοθεν πα[ρέ]δω[κεν]
 110 Τιμοκράτης κυλιστοῦ[ς] . Ἀλεξάνδρῳ,
 ἡ βασιλῇ Πτολεμαίῳ κυ[λιστοῖ] . , Ἀπολλωνίῳ
 διοικητῇ κυλιστὸς) α, Π[.] χρηματα-
 γωγῶι κυλιστὸς) α, Παρικ[.] κυλιστὸς) . ,
 Ἀλέξανδρος δὲ πα[ρέ]δωκεν

97. κ of παρεδωκεν above α θ.

1-50. 'I have received from Polemon 90 artabae of wheat, and from Agathon 194, from Simus 27, and on behalf of Eubulus 20, total 331; of which 1 was paid to the temple of Heracles, 10 for freightage at 20 drachmae, and 20 to Plutarchus, remainder 300. Of these were expended for . . . 1, to Philocles for necessaries 5, total 294. They were sold at 4 dr. 5 ob., making 1421 dr. I also received barley from Agathon to the amount of 110 artabae, of which Plutarchus had 20, remainder 90. Out of these were expended for difference on measure $1\frac{1}{2}$, measuring fee $\frac{1}{2}$, remainder 88. They were sold at 1 dr. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ob., total 139 dr. 2 ob. I also had for Criton, for the 20 artabae of wheat, 40 dr., and I have as freightage of the wheat and barley 15 dr. For this Criton has 950 dr. in gold and 448 dr. in silver. Expense of the corn at Hieria Nesus, 2 sacks 4 ob., guards' fees from Hieria Nesus to Alexandria 14 dr., at the guard-house for scribes' fees 4 dr., to . . . 1 dr., at Memphis scribes' fees 1 dr. [.] ob., at the lower guard-house at Schedia 4 dr., . . . 10 dr., at Alexandria to Tisarchus 5 dr., scribes' fees . . dr., . . . on the wheat at $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. the artaba 24 dr. 3 ob., . . . on the barley 7 dr. 2 ob., tax 76 dr., freightage . . dr., to the antigraphus of Philocles . . . , to the banker for controller's fees . . . , freightage from Schedia to the city . . drachmae, sailing up, freightage 2 dr.; for this I had from Criton . . dr.

'The 14th year, Epeiph 2. Account taken with Plutarchus at Phebichis. I owed an additional sum, with expenses and guards' fees for the 13th year . . and Aristarchus, of altogether 3[.] drachmae and 15 artabae of barley.

'The 12th year, in the priesthood of . . son of Callimedes, in the month Dystrus. . . has from Plutarchus 60 drachmae at the interest of [.] dr. a month, which sum he paid to . . and Mnesistratus. He also has in the 13th year in the priesthood of Nea . . son of . . ocles, in the month Loius, 60 dr. more, at the interest of 4 dr. a month, which he gave to Apollonius. He also had in the same year in the month Hyperberetaeus 60 drachmae more, which he paid to Apollonius the guard, at the interest of 5 dr. a month.'

6. If there is nothing lost after κ the price will be the common one of 2 dr. the artaba; cf. l. 17.

9. Perhaps [τ]οῦ χιμῶνος, but the ι is not satisfactory and the meaning quite obscure.

11. The high price, more than double the usual rate (cf. note on l. 6), is presumably due to the fact that the sale took place in Alexandria. The price of the barley in l. 15 is also rather higher than usual (it is normally about 1 dr. 1 ob., i.e. $\frac{3}{5}$ of 2 dr.; cf. notes on 84 (a). 8-9, 85. 14-5), but the difference is not nearly so marked as in the case of the wheat.

14. διάμετρον is used of soldiers' allowances, 'rations' in Plut. *Vit. Dem.* 40, and some such sense would not be inappropriate here. But διάμετρα may well be equivalent to διάφορα μέτρον; cf. e.g. P. Petrie III. 129, 3 διάφορον ἀηλωτικῶι. The σιτομετρικόν was no doubt a payment for the services of the σιτομέτρης, and thus analogous to the φυλακτικά and

γραμματικόν which follow; cf. P. Tebt. II. 520, where 3 art. of wheat are paid σιτωμέτρον, and P. Oxy. 740. 25.

17-20. The meaning of the dative Κρίτωνι and the connexion of these entries with what precedes are not clear. If χρυσίου 950 means the value in gold of 950 dr. of silver, the two sums named in ll. 19-20 together go far to make up the total price of the wheat and barley in ll. 11 and 16. They may therefore perhaps represent the balance left after deducting the expenses enumerated in the next section, ll. 21 sqq.; but as the items are imperfectly preserved verification is not possible.

21. σάκκους β: these may be either empty sacks which were bought for 4 obols, or full sacks which together with the 4 ob. had to be expended. 4 ob. could not represent the price of two full sacks.

22. The context shows that φυλακτικά here do not mean the tax so-called (cf. 105, introd.), but payments for the services of φυλακίται in charge of the boat; cf. 54. 30.

23. γραμματικόν: this impost is found in a variety of contexts, and is to be explained as a charge for the benefit of the numerous γραμματεῖς; cf. P. Tebt. I. 61 (δ). 342-5, note, and 97, introd. The word before (δραχμή) may be a proper name preceded by παρ' or παρά.

25. Σχεδία was a place of some importance on the canal connecting Alexandria with the Canopic branch of the Nile, and had a custom-station in Strabo's time; cf. Strabo, xvii. 800. In P. Fay. 104. 21, an account somewhat similar to this, Σχεδίας should also be read. The word before (δραχμαὶ) ε is possibly ναῦ[λο]ν, but if so the space after the preceding numeral is broader than usual.

26. Τεισάρχ[ω]ι: a proper name seems likely, but the reading is doubtful. The first letter if not τ may be π or σ, and the termination may be αι.

27. A charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. on the artaba reckoned on 294 art. (l. 10) and 88 art. (l. 15) produces 24 dr. 3 ob. and 7 dr. 2 ob. The name of this impost was given in the lacuna before (πυρῶν) in l. 26, and probably coincided with the mutilated word before κρ(ιθῆς) in l. 27. The abbreviation for κρ(ιθῆς) is written as a κ with a loop at the top of the vertical stroke.

30. δοκιμαστικοῦ: a charge for the δοκιμαστής, on whom cf. 106, introd. The δοκιμαστικόν is also found in 29. 24 and P. Leyden Q. 12; cf. Wilcken, *Ost.* I. pp. 361-2.

36. ἀνηλώμασιν: cf. l. 21.

37. γι [(ἔτους)]: cf. for the order of the numerals 104. 1, note.

42. For κα[τέβαλε] cf. l. 48, but δ is awkward with (δραχμάς) following.

44. Νεάρχου τοῦ Νε[οκλέους] would be about the right length. γ in the number of the year is rather tall, but to suppose that some other figure, e. g. α, was written with a stroke above it, is less satisfactory.

45. Ἀπ[ολλωνίω]ι: cf. l. 48.

51-3. These lines form part of the register on the verso, but there is no date or other indication of their intended position. We restore κα[ὶ ἐπιστολήν] on the analogy of l. 57, but the construction requires ἐπιστολή. Θεογένης the χρηματαγωγός recurs in l. 84; the title appears to be new.

55-114. '... delivered to Alexander 6 rolls; of these 1 roll was for king Ptolemy, 1 roll for Apollonius the dioecetes and two letters which were received in addition to the roll, 1 roll for Antiochus the Cretan, 1 roll for Menodorus, 1 roll contained in another (?) for Chel . . . , and Alexander delivered them to Nicodemus. The 17th, morning hour, Phoenix the younger, son of Heraclitus, Macedonian owning 100 arourae, delivered to Aminon 1 roll and the price for Phantias; and Aminon delivered it to Theochrestus. The 18th, 1st hour, Theochrestus delivered to Dinias 3 rolls from the upper country, of which 2 rolls were for king Ptolemy and 1 for Apollonius the dioecetes, and Dinias delivered them

to Hippolysus. The 18th, 6th hour, Phoenix the elder, son of Heraclitus, Macedonian owning 100 arourae in the Heracleopolite nome, one of the first company of E . . . , delivered 1 roll for Phantias, and Aminon delivered it to Timocrates. The 19th, 11th hour, Nicodemus delivered from the lower country to Alexander [.] rolls, from king Ptolemy for Antiochus in the Heracleopolite nome 1 roll, for Demetrius, the officer in charge of supplies for the elephants, in the Thebaid 1 roll, for Hippoteles the agent of Antiochus accusing Andronicus (?) at Apollonopolis the Great 1 roll, from king Ptolemy to Theogenes the money-carrier 1 roll, for Heracleodorus in the Thebaid 1 roll, for Zoilus, banker of the Hermopolite nome, 1 roll, for Dionysius, oeconomus in the Arsinoite nome, 1 roll. The 20th, . . hour, Lycocles delivered to Aminon 3 rolls, of which 1 roll was for king Ptolemy from the elephant-country below Th . . . , 1 roll for Apollonius the dioecetes, 1 roll for Hermippus, member of the staff of workmen (?), and Aminon delivered them to Hippolysus. The 21st, 6th hour, . . . delivered two letters from the lower country for Phantias, and Horus delivered them to Dionysius The 22nd, 1st hour, A . . . delivered to Dinias 16 rolls, of which [.] rolls were for king Ptolemy from the elephant-country below Th . . . , 4 rolls for Apollonius the dioecetes, 4 rolls for Antiochus the Cretan, and Dinias delivered them to Nicodemus. The 22nd, 12th hour, Leon delivered to Aminon from the upper country [.] rolls for king Ptolemy, and Aminon delivered them to Hippolysus. The 23rd, morning hour, Timocrates delivered to Alexander [.] rolls, of which [.] rolls were for king Ptolemy, 1 roll for Apollonius the dioecetes, 1 roll for P . . . the money-carrier, [.] roll for Par . . . , and Alexander delivered them to . . .

54. The traces at the beginning of the line do not suit *ἄρας* or *παρέδωκεν*. *ἀνωθεν* probably occurred somewhere in the line, since one of the letters was for the king; cf. ll. 66 and 107.

55. Possibly *κυ(λιστούς)* stood as usual before the numeral, but there is no trace of it and the space is somewhat narrow. Alexander, Aminon, Dinias, and Horus occupy an intermediate position in the transmission of letters, as contrasted e.g. with Hippolysus and Nicodemus, who only bring in letters or take them away. Probably the former were officials at the postal-station.

59. *ἐν ἄλλωι* appears to mean 'contained in a second roll,' and if this packet is counted as 2 rolls the number 6 in l. 55 is correct.

63. *τὸ ἄξιον* apparently means the sum paid by Phoenix at the office for postage. Such payments do not occur elsewhere in the document, and high officials would naturally have had the services of State messengers gratis. The sender of this particular letter may therefore be supposed to have been some unauthorized person, who would have to pay for the privilege of utilizing the messenger's services. There is, however, no mention of a payment in connexion with a letter sent by the brother of Phoenix (ll. 70-4).

72. *τῶν πρώτων Εσοπ* . . . : a similar military title is found in an unpublished Tebtunis papyrus of the third century B.C. *τῶν Μεγέλαου πρώτων ἐκ τοῦ Ἑρμοπολίτου καὶ (ἐκατον-τάρουρος)*.

79. Cf. ll. 91-2 and 102, P. Petrie II. 20. iv. 8 *ἐν Μέμφει ἐλέφασιν*, 40 (a). 22 *ἡ ἐλεφαντηγός* [s] *ἡ ἐν Βερενίκηι*, III. 114. 16 *τῆς θή(ρας) τῶν ἐλεφάντων*. An inscription found at Edfu is dedicated to Philopator by the *στρατηγὸς ἀποσταλεὶς ἐπὶ τὴν θήραν τῶν ἐλεφάντων*; cf. Dittenberger, *Or. Gr. Inscr.* I. 82, with his note *ad loc.*, and I. 86.

81. *Ἀνδρον[ί]κου* is doubtful, especially the termination. *δρ* may be *αι* and the second *ν* could well be *μ*.

83. Between *α* and *παρά* is a diagonal stroke with a rounded top, the meaning of which is obscure.

84. *χρηματα[γω]γῶι*: cf. ll. 51-3, note.

92-3. [παρὰ] τῶν ἐλεφάντων would be expected; cf. l. 102 and παρὰ βασιλέως in l. 83. But there is not room for παρὰ in the lacuna, the size of which requires πα(ρά) or ἀπό. Θα[. .]. σου, which recurs in l. 102, seems to be a geographical name; the second letter may be η.

95. πλήρωμα is used in several of the Petrie papyri for a company of workmen, e.g. III. 43 (3). 12; but whether the term has a similar sense here is doubtful.

97. The κ of παρέδωκεν is a correction; possibly the syllable κεν was written twice and the name of the messenger was Ἀλέξ[ανδρος]. He would, however, be different from the Ἀλέξανδρος in ll. 55 and 114, who was one of the clerks at the office. Ὀρωι may have occurred at the end of the line; cf. l. 99. To read ἐν Ἀλεξ[ανδρείαι], which at first sight looks attractive, is inadmissible on several grounds: (1) it would imply that this register was kept in the immediate neighbourhood of that city, which is a most unlikely hypothesis; (2) there is no part of Egypt which could be described as κάτωθεν (l. 98) relatively to Alexandria; (3) παρέδωκεν requires a subject.

100. Α[έ]ων might be read after πα[ρ]έδωκεν, but Leon could hardly have arrived from the south twice on the same day (cf. l. 106).

III. LIST OF CASES AND FINES.

Mummy 69.

Breadth 15.3 cm.

About B.C. 250.

This is a record, kept by some official connected with the judicial administration, of cases which had come up for decision, with the addition in some cases of particulars concerning amounts due to or from the different parties. These sums are sometimes followed by the word *πρᾶξαι*, signifying that they were still to be paid; and it is likely that the keeper of the account was the *πράκτωρ* who had to collect them. The items are arranged under the three villages of Takona, Tholthis, and Sephtha, all in the Oxyrhynchite nome. The document appears not to have extended beyond the two columns of which parts are preserved; it belongs to the close of Philadelphus' reign or the first few years of his successor.

Col. i.

Ἐν Τακόναι·

τὰ πρὸς Μελάνθιον

περὶ τῆς βίας ἐπὶ

Δημητρίαν ζ (δύοβολοι) (ἡμιω-
βέλιον),

5 καὶ Ξενοκράτηι ις,

Ἀνδρομά(χῳι). θ.

Ξενοκράτηι τὰ πρὸς

Col. ii.

Θῶλθις·

τὰ πρὸς Ζηνύδοτον καὶ

30 Καρνεάδην.

Ἀρίστωνος μονῆς Καλλι-
δρόμου [Θη]ραμένου δ.

Δημήτριον (δραχμαὶ). ν καὶ τὰ

γινόμενα λ (ὀβολὸς) (ἡμιωβέ-
λιον).

| | | |
|----|---|---------------------------------|
| | Πτολεμαῖον ἐπὶ . . . | 35 Δόκιμος πρὸς Μυρτοῦν |
| | | . βιωρξ . . ου . [|
| | [.]ικ . . [. . . | |
| 10 | κον οἰκονο(μ),] πρᾶξα[ι. | Δημήτριον π[ερὶ |
| | Πολιάνθην τὰ πρὸς Πό- | δνου (δραχμαὶ) 5. |
| | λωνα (δραχμαὶ) β, πρᾶξαι. | Λεοντᾶ περὶ τοῦ [Νεχθε- |
| | Πάτρωνι πρὸς τοὺς | 40 νίβιος προβάτου (δραχμῇ) α [|
| | λοιποὺς μεταγράψαι | |
| 15 | πρὸς Πολύρχον καὶ | On the verso |
| | Σωσιφάνην ἐκ τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ. |] . δωρον ὄνου. |
| | Ἀπολλωνίῳ πρὸς Ἀπ[ο]λ- | |
| | λώνιον (δραχμαὶ) κ, πρᾶξαι. | |
| | Κοννάρου (δραχμαὶ) β, πρᾶξαι. | |
| 20 | τὰ πρὸς Νικόλαον καὶ | |
| | Ἀμφίλοχον οἰκονο(μ). | |
| | Σέφθας. | |
| | τὰ πρὸς Τίμαιον (δραχμαὶ) κ. | |
| | Ἀπει εἰς π[ό]λιν καὶ | |
| 25 | περὶ Θεοφίλου καὶ Με- | |
| | λανθίου Φίλωνος γ (τριώβολον ?) (τέταρτον ?). | |
| | [[Θωλ[θ]ις]] | |

II. π (or μ ?) of πολωνα corr. from λ.

‘At Takona: the case against Melanthius for violence to Demetria, 7 drachmae $2\frac{1}{2}$ obols, and to Xenocrates 16 dr., to Andromachus 9 dr. To Xenocrates in the case against Ptolemaeus . . . to the oeconomus (?), to be collected. Polianthes in the case against Polon 2 dr., to be collected. To Patron against the rest, to be transferred to Polyarchus and Sosiphanes out of the number. To Apollonius against Apollonius 20 drachmae, to be collected. Connarus 2 drachmae, to be collected. In the case against Nicolaus and Amphilochns, to the oeconomus (?). At Septha: the case against Timaeus, 20 drachmae. For Apis to the city and concerning Theophilus and Melanthius son of Philon 3 dr. $3\frac{1}{4}$ ob. At Tholthis: the case against Zenodotus and Carneades. Ariston for the appearance of Callidromus son of Theramenes 4 dr. Demetrius 50 dr. and costs 30 dr. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ob. Docimus against Myrtous daughter of . . . Demetrius concerning the donkey of . . . 6 dr. Leontas concerning the sheep of Nechthenibis, 1 dr.’

5. Ξενο(κράτη): the first name may be either in the nom., acc., gen., or dat. case, but probably these varieties do not all imply a corresponding distinction of meaning. Where the dative occurs, payment was presumably to be made to the person; the acc. and

gen. on the other hand might both be used of the persons who paid. The nom. is also more likely to represent the payer than the recipient.

10. οἰκονο(μ): cf. l. 21. The meaning possibly is that the fine was to be paid to the oeconomus. In both cases there is a short space before οἰκονο(μ).

13-6. The sense seems to be improved by connecting ll. 15-6 with the two preceding lines, notwithstanding the fact that πρὸς projects somewhat to the left like the other lines which commence a new sentence. None of the other entries begins with πρὸς, and ἐκ τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ is more intelligible if constructed with μεταγράψαι than if l. 15 begins a new entry, in which case a verb has to be supplied.

21. Cf. note on l. 10.

24. [π]όλιν: sc. Ὁξυρύγχων.

27. The name Θῶλθις, which is repeated at the top of the next column, is faint, and was probably partly erased.

34. γινόμενα: cf. 92. 20. The large amount of these 'costs' as compared with the first sum is remarkable; the ἐπιδέκται were perhaps included.

41. This line, which is written in large letters across the fibres, looks like a regular endorsement, but its relation to the contents of the recto is not clear. An ὄνος is mentioned in l. 38.

112. TAXING-LIST.

Mummy A.

Fr. (a) 22.2 × 19, Fr. (β) 9.2 × 14.1 cm.

About B. C. 260.

Three fragments of a long taxing-list, perhaps written at the λογευτήριον of Phebichis (cf. 106, introd.), recording money payments for various taxes at different villages of the Κωίτης by individuals who are in most if not all cases the tax-payers, not the tax-collectors. Among the imposts are (1) a tax on pigeon-houses (l. 1, note); (2) payments for oil sold by the government (l. 2, note); (3) a new tax called δωδεκαχαλκία, which was apparently a charge of 12 chalci per aroura on cleruchic and temple land (l. 8, note); (4) a tax upon green-stuffs (l. 9, note); (5) the beer-tax (ll. 11, 25, &c.; cf. 106, introd.); (6) the ἐπαρούριον, a charge on certain kinds of land, with which is coupled (7) the tax on embankments, amounting to about $\frac{1}{8}$ of it (l. 13, note); (8) the tax on sales (l. 22, note); (9) a tax of $\frac{1}{24}$, which can be explained in several ways (l. 38, note); (10) a tax of $\frac{1}{4}$, probably that levied upon the salting and milling industries (l. 45, note); (11) a new tax connected with carpet-weaving (l. 76, note); (12) a new tax called φακῆς (l. 77), the nature of which is obscure; (13) a tax on gardens, perhaps the ἀπόμοιρα (l. 92, note); (14) the bath-tax (l. 96; cf. 108. 7, note). The villages mentioned (in several instances for the first time) are generally in the nominative, but sometimes in the accusative or genitive; they include Κερκέσης, Φεβίχης, Ἀσσύα, Ψύχης, Περὴ, Ψεβθον(έμβη?), (l. 25, note), Χοιβνῶταις, Μοῦχίς (l. 27, note), Ψελεμάχης, Θμοιτόθις, Τοενέγους

(?; cf. l. 43, note), Περχύφης, Θμοιοῦθις and Ἀγκυρῶν πόλις. The papyrus probably belongs to the latter part of Philadelphus' reign. In some places the ink of another document to which it had been gummed has come off, and occasionally there is a difficulty in distinguishing this from the writing of 112. On the verso are parts of another account, mentioning large sums of money but without indicating the nature of the payments. We omit Fr. (c), which contains only the beginnings of lines, and Col. i of Fr. (a), of which only a few figures from the ends of lines are preserved.

Fr. (a).

Col. ii.

[. . .] αὐ[. . .] περιστ[ε]ρῶνος η.

[Κε]ρκέσης Θοτορ[ταῖο]ς ἐλαί(ου) λ,

ὁ αὐτὸς ἀλικῆς ξ.

Φεβίχης Διογένης [.] ις.

5 [Ἀ]σσύας Πετοσίρι[ς] λ.

Κερκέσης Ἡρακλε[ίδη]ς [. . . .] [(δω)δεκα][χ(αλκίαν)

τοῦ Πολεμάρχου [ι, χα(λκοῦ)] ι.

Διοκλῆς (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν) τ[οῦ] Ἡροδότου (τριώβολον), χα(λκοῦ) (τριώβολον).

Σωσίπατρο[ς χλ]ωρῶν τοῦ Πο-

10 λεμάρχου η.

Ψύχης Ἀμεννεὺς ζυτηρᾶς ς (τετρώβολον).

Ἀσσύας ὁ αὐτὸς κς (τετρώβολον).

Φεβίχης Δίφιλος ἐπαρού(ριον) δ (τετρώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον), χω(ματικὸν)
(τριώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον).

Περόην Θαγομβῆς (δυοβόλους) (τέταρτον), χω(ματικὸν) (τέταρτον),

15 [. . .] χωνσις Θοτορταίου α (τριώβολον), χω(ματικὸν) (ἡμιωβέλιον) (τέταρτον),

[Θοτορ]ταῖος καὶ Δημόστρατος α, χω(ματικὸν) (ἡμιωβέλιον) (τέταρτον),

[.] ιο[.] (τετρώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον), χω(ματικὸν) (ἡμιωβέλιον),

[.] τριος . . (δυοβόλους) (τέταρτον), χω(ματικὸν) (τέταρτον),

[.] Μυ[σιο]ς (τετρώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον), [χω(ματικὸν) (ἡμιωβέλιον).

2 lines lost.

22 [18 letters

]ς βοδς

Ταμάγιος ἦς ἐπρίατο παρὰ

Εἰρήνης δ (ὀβολόν).

- 25 Ψεβθον(έμβη?) Πενούπισ Αὔγχις ζῡ(τηρᾶς) ια (τετράβολον).
 Χοιβνωτμισ Πετωῦς ζῡ(τηρᾶς) ξγ (δυοβόλους).
 Μοῦχιν Πᾶσις Τετοβάστις έπα-
 ρούριον (δυοβόλους) (τέταρτον), χωμα(τικόν) (τέταρτον),
 καὶ Τεῶς (τριώβολον) (ήμιωβέλιον) (τέταρτον), χω(ματικόν) (ήμιωβέλιον).
 30 Φεβίχις Τεῶς (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν) τοῦ Δ]ημητρίου (τετράβολον) (τέταρτον),
 χα(λκοῦ) (τετράβολον) (τέταρτον).
 [.]. λυις Ὡρος [.]εν κζ (όβολόν),
 Μυ[. . .]ς [.]νουβιος (δυοβόλους) (τέταρτον),
 [18 letters]σις (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν) τοῦ
 [20 „] ια, χα(λκοῦ) ια.

16. τος of δημοστρατος above the line.

Col. iii.

- 35 κλήρωι βασιλικῶι περὶ κώμη]ν
 Ψελεμάχιν εἰς τὴν καθήκουσαν
 αὐτῶι ἀναφορὰν ἕως τοῦ Πα[ῦ]ν(?) κη.
 Φεβίχις Διογένης κ'δ' ιε (όβολόν).
 Θμοιτόθις Θᾶσις ἑλαίου ιβ.
 40 Φεβίχις Ἀντιγένης Πέρσης ὑπὲρ
 Ποσειδωνίου δωδεκαχαλκίαν οὐ γεωργεῖ κλήρου
 τῶν πρὸς ἀργύριον ιγ, [χα(λκοῦ) (?) ιγ.
 Τοενέγους Θοτορταῖο[s],
 Θηῶς ἐπαρούριον δ (τριώβολον), [χω(ματικόν) .
 45 Μοῦχιν Ἐμγῆς Ἀρυώτης δ' [. .
 Περχύφης Κολλούθης κ'δ' [. .
 καὶ τετάρτης β (τριώβολον) [
 Φεβίχις Ψεγχῶνσις (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν) τοῦ Κόμω[-
 νος καὶ Ξενοφάντου ε, χα(λκοῦ) ε,
 50 Σενῦρις ἐπαρούριον (τετράβολον) (ήμιωβέλιον), χω(ματικόν) (ήμιωβέλιον). [
 Ἐτφεῦς Εἰσιγῆου (τετράβολον) (ήμιωβέλιον), χω(ματικόν) [(ήμιωβέλιον).

- Ἀσσύας Διογένης τὸ παρὰ π[. . .
 Ἀρπῶντιος (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν) τοῦ Κλέωνος γ, [χα(λκοῦ) γ.
 Φεβίχης Πετοβάστις κλήρων τ[ῶν
 55 πρὸς ἀργύριον τοῦ Φιλησίου [. . .
 Θμοιοῦθις . [.] . οσιρις η[.
 Ψυχίς Πάις εἰς τὴν Διογ[υσίου] ἐγ- ?
 γύην κ' δ' [. .
 Πετοσίρις δ' [. .
 60 Φεβίχης Στοτοῆτις Σε[.
 ἐπαρούριον φοινίκων . [. .
 Ἀπολλώνιος χα(ματικὸν) τοῦ α[
 Στοτοῆτις (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν) τοῦ [.
 κλήρου [
 65 . [
 καὶ τοῦ . . . [
 Ὡρος Μύσιος τη . [
 . [.]υ[.]τ[.]τ[

41. δωδεκαχαλκίαν above the line.

60. στοτοῆτις above πετοσιρις erased.

Fr. (δ).

Col. i.

Parts of four lines.

- 73 [.]ις Ἀγατίτιος ε.
 [Ἀγκ]υρῶν π[όλ]ις Ὡρος ἐλαί(ου) ρξ.
 75 [. .]κλῆς Φαμῆς κ' δ' ν,
 καὶ ταπιδυφαντῶν ε,
 καὶ φακῆς δ,
 καὶ δ' ὁ αὐτὸς ι.
 Φεβίχης Θανῶς Φα . [.]ακουτου
 80 εἰς Ψιντάην β.
 Κερκέση[ς] Σ[τέφανος] Σατόκου
 [.]π[.]ρ[.]τ[.] . . Ἀπ[ολλοδώρου] κδ,
 . [.] . . [. Σα]τόκου κδ.

Φ[ε]βίχης Π[τολεμ]αῖος (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν) τοῦ Θε-
 85 [.] α (ὀβολὸν) (ήμιωβέλιον), χα(λκοῦ) α (ὀβολὸν) (ήμιωβέλιον).

Col. ii.

.
 Χοιβν[ῶτμις κλήρων
 τῶν πρ[ὸς ἀργύριον
 Θμοιοῦ[θις
 Στοτοήτιος (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν) ἐερ[ᾶς γῆς ?
 90 τοῦ Ἀμμωνος [. , χα(λκοῦ) .
 Φεβίχης Ἀπολλών[ιος
 τὸ παρὰ Ψεγγώνσ[ιος ἔκτης ?
 τοῦ αὐτοῦ παραδε[ῖσου πρό-
 τερον ὄντος Διφίλου θ (πεντώβολον) [
 95 καὶ α[. .]τ[α]λου [
 βαλα[νείου . .]ος Φίλωνος [

'... a pigeon-house 8 dr. At Kerkeses, Thotortaeus for oil 30 dr., the same for salt-tax 60 dr. At Phebichis, Diogenes for ... 16 dr. At Assua, Petosiris for ... 30 dr. At Kerkeses, Heraclides for the (12 chalci-tax ?) on Polemarchus' holding 10 (?) dr., 10 (?) dr. of copper. Diocles for the 12 chalci-tax on Herodotus' holding 3 obols, 3 obols of copper; Sosipater for the green-stuffs (?) of Polemarchus' holding 8 dr. At Psuchis, Amenneus for beer-tax 6 dr. 4 ob. At Assua, the same (Amenneus) 26 dr. 4 ob. At Phebichis, Diphilus for land-tax 4 dr. 4½ ob., for embankments-tax 3½ ob. At Peroë, Thagombes 2¼ ob., for embankments-tax ¼ ob.; ... chonsis son of Thotortaeus 1 dr. 3 ob., for embankments-tax ¾ ob.; Thotortaeus and Demonstratus 1 dr., for embankments-tax ¾ ob.; ... 4½ ob., for embankments-tax ½ ob.; ... trius ... 2¼ ob., for embankments-tax ¼ ob.; ... son of Miusis 4½ ob., for embankments-tax ½ ob. ... on the cow of Tamanis which he bought from Eirene 4 dr. 1 ob. At Psebthonembe (?), Penoupis son of (?) Aunchis for beer-tax 11 dr. 4 ob. At Choibnotmis, Petotis for beer-tax 63 dr. 2 ob. At Mouchis Pasis son of (?) Tetobastis for land-tax 2¼ ob., for embankments-tax ¼ ob., and Teos 3¾ ob., for embankments-tax ½ ob. At Phebichis, Teos for the 12 chalci-tax upon the holding of Demetrius 4¼ ob., 4¼ ob. of copper. At ... is, Horus ... 27 dr. 1 ob.; ... son of ... nubis 2¼ ob. ... for the 12 chalci-tax on the holding of ... 11 dr., 11 dr. of copper. ... the royal holding near the village of Pselemachis for the instalment due from him up to Pauni (?) 28 dr. At Phebichis, Diogenes for the tax of ¼ 15 dr. 1 ob. At Thmoitthis, Thasis for oil 12 dr. At Phebichis, Antigene, Persian, on behalf of Posidonius for the 12 chalci-tax upon the holding which he cultivates among those which are valued in silver

13 dr., 13 dr. of copper. At Toënegous (?), Thotortaeus . . . ; Theos for land-tax 4 dr. 3 ob., for embankments-tax . . . At Mouchis, Emges (?) son of (?) Haruotes for the tax of $\frac{1}{4}$. . . At Perchuphis, Kollouthes for the tax of $\frac{1}{24}$. . . and for the tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ 2 dr. 3 ob. At Phebichis, Psenchonsis for the 12 chalci-tax upon the holdings of Comon and Xenophantus 5 dr., 5 dr. of copper; Senuris for land-tax $4\frac{1}{2}$ ob., for embankments-tax $\frac{1}{2}$ ob.; Etpheus son of Isigeüs (?) $4\frac{1}{2}$ ob., for embankments-tax $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. At Assua, Diogenes the sum due from . . . son of (?) Harpotnis for the 12 chalci-tax upon the holding of Cleon 3 dr., 3 dr. of copper. At Phebichis, Petobastis for the (12 chalci-tax upon) holdings valued in silver, upon the holding of Philesius . . . At Thmoiouthis . . . At Psuchis, Pais for surety of Dionysius on account of the tax of $\frac{1}{24}$. . . ; Petosiris for the tax of $\frac{1}{4}$. . . At Phebichis, Stotoëtis son of Sen . . . for land-tax (?) upon palms . . . ; Apollonius for embankments-tax upon . . . ; Stotoëtis for the 12 chalci-tax upon the holding of . . . ; Horus son of Miusis . . .

Fr. (δ). ' . . . son of Agatitis 5 dr. At Ancyronpolis, Horus for oil 160 dr. At (?) . . . cle Phames for the tax of $\frac{1}{24}$ 50 dr., and for carpet-weavers 5 dr., and for lentil-cake 4 dr., and the same for the tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ 10 dr. At Phebichis, Thanos son of Pha . . . akoutes to the credit of Psintaës 2 dr. At Kerkeses, Stephanus son of Satokus for . . . of Apollodorus 24 dr.; . . . son of Satokus 24 dr. At Phebichis, Ptolemaeus for the 12 chalci-tax upon the holding of The . . . 1 dr. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ob., 1 dr. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ob. of copper . . . At Choibnotmis, . . . upon holdings valued in silver . . . At Thmoiouthis . . . of Stotoëtis for the 12 chalci-tax upon the sacred land of Ammon . . . At Phebichis, Apollonius . . . the sum due from Psenchonsis on account of the sixth (?) upon his garden which formerly belonged to Diphilus 9 dr. 5 ob., and . . . ; for bath-tax . . . son of Philon . . . '

1. περιστε[ρῶ]νος: a τρίτη περιστερώνων, i. e. a tax of $\frac{1}{3}$ on the profits of pigeon-houses, is known in Ptolemaic times from Wilcken, *Ost.* II. no. 1228 (cf. I. p. 279), P. Petrie III. 119 recto, and P. Tebt. 84. 9 (cf. note *ad loc.*); but the impost here may be different. The preceding words may be [δ] αὐ[τός]; cf. l. 3.

2. ελαι(ου): cf. ll. 39, 74, and 113. 12-4. Thotortaeus was probably an ελαιοκάπηλος; cf. Rev. Laws xlviii. 3-12.

3. ἀλικής: cf. P. Petrie III. pp. 273-4 and Wilcken, *Ost.* I. pp. 141-4. That the salt industry was a government monopoly is practically certain, but the principles upon which it was managed are not clear.

6. Near the end of the line is an ε somewhat above the level of the other letters, probably part of the abbreviation for δωδεκαχαλκίαν; cf. the next note. With τοῦ before Πολεμάρχου in l. 7, as in l. 9, supply κλήρου; cf. l. 41 and notes on 52. 26 and 117. 8.

8. (δωδεκα)χ(αλκίαν): this new word, which usually in 112 is abbreviated in the form εβ over χ, is written out in l. 41. The name indicates a tax of 12 chalci ($1\frac{1}{2}$ obols) upon, probably, the aroua; and it generally occurs in connexion with cleruchic land, being paid by the γεωργοί on behalf of the cleruchs (cf. ll. 30, 33, 41, &c.), but in one case (l. 89) the land in question is ιερά. Payment is made in copper, except perhaps in ll. 42 and 55 (cf. l. 87), where the κλήροι are said to be τῶν πρὸς ἀργύριον, sc. διοικουμένων or some such word (cf. e. g. P. Tebt. 60. 41). A peculiarity of the entries concerning this tax is the fact that the amount is stated twice, χα(λκοῦ) being prefixed in the second instance. If the unit of taxation was the aroua, as would be expected, this impost of $1\frac{1}{2}$ obols, which = about $\frac{3}{4}$ artaba of wheat (cf. 84 (a). 8-9, note), may well correspond to the imposts ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ artaba to 1 artaba upon cleruchic and sacred land found in the Tebtunis papyri of the next century; cf. P. Tebt. I. pp. 430-1. Whether πρὸς ἀργύριον in ll. 42 and 55 is contrasted with payments in copper or with payments in kind is not clear.

9. For [χλ]ωρῶν cf. the λογεῖα χλωρῶν in 51. 2, and the payments for χλωρῶν in 119. 17 and for χλωρῶν εἰς σπέρμα in 117. 4.

13. *ἐπαρούριον*): this is the first occasion on which the name of this impost upon the aroura of, probably, palm-, vine-, and fruit-bearing land (cf. l. 61 *ἐπαρ. φονίκων*) has been found in the third century B. C.; but cf. P. Petrie III. 70 (a). 1 where the tax of 8 drachmae per aroura on, apparently, vine-land may well be the *ἐπαρούριον*. In the second century B. C. it is mentioned in several ostraca (Wilcken, *Ost.* I. p. 193) and in P. Tebt. 209, and frequently in the Roman period, payments being, as here, uniformly in money. In 112 the *χωματικόν* or tax on embankments is regularly associated with the *ἐπαρούριον*, and in the present instance is about $\frac{1}{8}$ of it. In l. 15 the *χωματικόν* is only $\frac{1}{12}$ of the *ἐπαρούριον*, but in the other cases (ll. 14, 16-9, 28-9, 50) the proportion of the amounts paid for the two taxes is nearly the same as in l. 13. Since the *χωματικόν* at this period was often 1 obol per aroura (P. Petrie III. 108. 2, &c., and p. 273), the *ἐπαρούριον* in 112 was very likely about 8 obols per aroura.

14-9. The first of the two payments in each of these entries refers to the *ἐπαρούριον*; cf. the preceding note.

19. Perhaps [*ἄρος*] *Μύσιος*; cf. l. 67. For the supplement of the final lacuna cf. l. 17.

22. Perhaps *τέλος βοός*; cf. P. Fay. 62. 3 *τέλος βοός . . . ἥς ἐώνηται*. The impost in question is the *ἐγκύκλιον* of 5 per cent., on which cf. 70 (a), introd. The value of this cow was therefore 83 dr. 2 ob.

25. *Ψεβθον(έμβη)*: cf. 33. 7 and p. 8. The names of the villages are, however, not abbreviated elsewhere in this papyrus; and it is quite possible that *Ψεβθονπενούπις* should be read, especially as this combination would avoid the difficulty with regard to *Ἀγχις*, which if *Πενούπις* is the tax-payer has to be treated as a genitive, i. e. for *Ἀγχιος*. The fathers' names of the tax-payers are sometimes found in 112, e. g. in l. 81; but it is not very satisfactory to suppose the omission of *ο* in the termination *-ιος* in a papyrus so early and in other respects so well written as 112. A precisely similar difficulty arises in ll. 27 and 45, and on the whole it seems best to suppose that in all these cases two nominatives are found together, the second being a mistake for the genitive or *καί* being omitted.

27. *Μούχιν*: cf. p. 8, and for the accusative l. 14 *Περόην*. But if *Μούχιν Πάσις* be two words *Τετοβάσις* must be corrected (cf. l. 25, note), and perhaps the name of the village was *Μουχινπάσις*; cf. the form *Μουχινθα()* on p. 8, and l. 45, note.

29. The $3\frac{3}{4}$ obols are for *ἐπαρούριον*; cf. l. 27 and note on l. 13.

30. For the supplement (*δωδεκα*)*χ(αλκίαν)* cf. l. 8, note.

35. *κλήρω βασιλικῶι*: cf. 52. 26, note. What this payment of 28 dr. was for does not appear.

37. There is hardly room for *Πα[χών]*, unless *αχω* was very cramped.

38. *κ'δ'*: several imposts called $\frac{1}{24}$ are known in the Ptolemaic period; cf. 80. 4, *κ'δ'* on goods exported from the Heracleopolite to the Arsinoite nome, 95. 7 *τεταρτονεικοστή (sic) τετραπόδων*, P. Petrie I. 25 (2). 2 *τετρακαεικοστή πυρῶν*, 115 introd. *κ'δ' ἐρίων*, and the *τετρακαεικοστή* paid in kind by *βασιλικοὶ γεωργοὶ* at Kerkeosiris (P. Tebt. I. 93, introd.). Which of these taxes is meant here is uncertain.

41-2. Cf. note on l. 8.

43. *Τοενέγους* seems to be a village rather than a personal name.

45. *Μούχιν Ἐμγῆς*: cf. ll. 25 and 27, notes. If *Ἐμγῆς* is a proper name *Ἀρνώτης* must be altered to *Ἀρνώτον* or *καὶ Ἀρνώτης*; but perhaps *Μουχινέμγης* should be read.

δ': cf. l. 47 and *τετάρτη* as the heading of a taxing-list in P. Petrie III. 117 (h). ii. 1, where it means the *τετάρτη тариχρῶν* and *σιτοποιῶν*. That is very likely to be the impost meant in 112, though a *τετάρτη ἀλιέων* is also known, on which cf. Wilcken, *Ost.* I. pp. 137-41, and P. Tebt. I. pp. 49-50. For the *τετάρτη тариχρῶν* and *σιτοποιῶν* cf. P. Fay. 15. 3 (where l. τὴν δ' (so Wilcken) τῶν σιτοποιῶν καὶ [τῶν] тариχρῶν), and P. Petrie III. introd., p. 8 and 58 (a). 2.

It seems to have been a tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ on the profits of the salting and milling (or perhaps baking) industries.

50. Σενῶρις may be a village-name, in which case Ψεγγῶνσις must be supplied from l. 48.

51. Εἰσιγῆου: though the γ may well be superfluous (cf. 27. 53, note), this word would seem to be the name of the father of Ἐτφεῦς rather than of a place (sc. Ἰσιείου; cf. 167).

52. τὸ παρά: cf. l. 92 and 109. 9.

54. δωδεκαχαλκίαν is probably to be supplied before κλήρων from l. 53; cf. ll. 41-2 and l. 8, note.

57. For ἐγ|γύην cf. the payments for διεγγύησις in 114-5.

61. Cf. note on l. 13. The χωματικόν was in the present case paid by a different person (l. 62).

74. [Ἀγκ]υρῶν π[όλ]ις: cf. pp. 9-10.

75. [..]κλήης, if not a place-name, affords another example of two nominatives together; cf. l. 25, note.

76. ταπιδυφαντῶν: the name of this impost 'for carpet-weavers' is new. Wilcken (*Ost.* I. p. 177) resolves the abbreviation δαπ(), which occurs in one of his ostraca as the name of a tax, as δαπ(ιδύφων), i.e. ταπιδύφων, and regards it as a branch of the χειρωνάξιον or tax on trades; but this explanation of δαπ() is not very likely. Whether ταπιδυφαντῶν here means merely a tax on that trade, or is connected with the ὀθονηρά monopoly (on which cf. 67, introd., and Wilcken, *Ost.* I. pp. 266-9) is uncertain.

77. φακῆς: this too is a new name of a tax; but cf. ἐπωνίων φακέψων as the description of an impost in P. Par. 67. 16. φακέψων is also to be read above βαλανείων in P. Petrie III. 37 (δ), verso 6, but seems to have been intentionally rubbed out. The nature of this impost connected with lentil cake is quite obscure.

80. Ψυτάην seems to be a man rather than a place.

86-7. Cf. ll. 41-2 and note on l. 13.

89-90. Cf. l. 8, note.

92. For the supplement ἔκτης (i.e. the ἀπόμειρα) cf. 109. 10. But the ἐπαρούριον may be meant; cf. l. 13, note.

93. For τοῦ αὐτοῦ παραδείσου meaning 'his garden' instead of 'the same garden' cf. e.g. P. Petrie III. 117 (g). 38 and 40.

113. BANKER'S ACCOUNT.

Mummy 46.

14.7 × 25 cm.

About B. C. 260.

Two incomplete columns of an official account of sums paid or owing, resembling P. Petrie III. 93, verso. Judging by the miscellaneous character of the entries, which refer amongst other things to deficiencies in connexion with the revenues from the oil and beer industries (ll. 12-5), and a present from the State to distressed cultivators (ll. 18-20), it is probable that the writer was connected with a royal bank or λογευτήριον (cf. 106, introd.). The handwriting is a small, very flowing cursive of a distinctly early type, and the papyrus is

certainly not later than the end of Philadelphus' reign. We omit the second column which is much obliterated.

- κ[αὶ] [. . .]
 ος αἰτούμενο[s ὕ- (?)
 δάτων [.
 καὶ ἐν Ἀθεμμ[εῖ]
 5 καὶ τὸ ἐπιγραφέν τοῖς] . . . [
 τοῖς τὸ ζῦτος μὴ εἰλη[φόσι
 ἐν τῇ τῶν κωμῶν [.] χα(λκοῦ) ρα (ἡμιωβέλιον).
 καὶ τὸ ἐν Πάσιτι [.] s
 λογευτῇ τῷ παρ[α] τι
 10 Βότρωι τῷ φυλακίτ[ηι καὶ ?]
 ἀναχωρήσαντι ζυτη[ρᾶς] χα(λκοῦ) λδ (ἡμιωβέλιον) (τέταρτον),
 καὶ ἐλαικῆς χα(λκοῦ) ρξξ (ὀβολός) (ἡμιωβέλιον).
 καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἀντιλέγουσιν μὴ εἰλη-
 φέναι ἐλαίου χα(λκοῦ) ς.
 15 ἐν Τοτοῇ Πάσιτος λογευτῇ
 ὧι μῆθεν ὑπάρχει ξς (τριώβολον) (τέταρτον).
 καὶ τὸ δοθὲν τοῖς ἀσθενούσιν
 τῶν γεωργῶν εἰς τὰ ἔργα τῶν
 κτημάτων ἀργ(υρίου) κ.

2. s of os above the line.
 corr. from a.

5. ἐπι of ἐπιγραφέν above ἀνα erased.

6. ο of τοῖς

8-19. 'Item, owed by Pasis son of . . . , tax-collector, who . . . Botrus the guard and disappeared, for the beer-tax 34 dr. $\frac{3}{4}$ ob. in copper, and for the oil-tax 167 dr. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ob. in copper. Item, owed by the persons who deny that they have received it, for oil 6 dr. in copper. Owed by Totoës son of Pasis, tax-collector, who has no property, 66 dr. $3\frac{1}{4}$ ob. Item, given to the distressed cultivators for operations in their vineyards, 20 dr. in silver.'

5. The persons meant are probably the beer-sellers, though ζυτοπῶλαις is too long; cf. ll. 13-4 which seem to refer to the ἐλαιοπῶλαι.

7. If κωμῶν is right a word meaning 'list' or 'distribution' would be expected after it; but the initial κ is doubtful, and μ or γ might be read.

9. Perhaps παρ[α]στάν[τι]. It is not clear whether ἀναχωρήσαντι refers to Πάσιτι or to Βότρωι.

11-2. ὧν is to be supplied with both ζυτηρᾶς and ἐλαικῆς. The sum owed by Pasis under the latter heading probably refers to the payments by ἐλαιοκάπηλοι to the government

officials for oil supplied; cf. Rev. Laws xlviii. 3-12 and the next note. The *ζυτηρά* probably means the tax levied on the beer-manufacturers; cf. 106, introd.

13-4. *τοῖς ἀντιλέγουσι μὴ εἰληφέναι* is ambiguous. If the object to be supplied for *εἰληφέναι* is the 6 drachmae, the *ἀντιλέγοντες* are *λογεῖνται* like *πᾶσις* in l. 8. But on the analogy of l. 6 the object of *εἰληφέναι* is more likely to be *ἐλαιον*, in which case the *ἐλαιοκάπηλοι* are most probably meant; cf. the preceding note.

19. For *κτῆμα* in the sense of a 'vineyard' cf. P. Petrie III. 28 (ε). 4, 67 (δ). 10, &c. The abbreviation of *ἀργυρίου* forms a symbol resembling that for *ἀράβη* (which is of course nothing but a combination of *αρτ*), as in P. Petrie III. 114. 9.

114. OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

Mummy 25.

23.5 × 19.8 cm.

B. C. 244 (243).

An account of payments made at Cynopolis by Apollonius and Onnophris, contractors for the *πλύνος καὶ στίβος* (or *-ον*; the gender is in both cases doubtful), in the 3rd year of a king who is probably Euergetes. The precise meaning of these two words, upon which the interpretation of the papyrus turns, is not easy to determine. *πλύνος* occurs in two Ptolemaic ostraca published by Wilcken, *Ost.* II. 329 (third century B. C.) and 1497 (second century B. C.), which are receipts for 60 drachmae and 500 drachmae for *νιτρικῆς πλύνου*, and also on the recto of 116 in proximity to an account concerning *νίτρον*. There was therefore a close connexion between *νίτρον* and *πλύνος*, and the question arises whether *πλύνος* and *στίβος* could signify some preparation of *νίτρον*. The production of natron was most probably a government monopoly, and the market may have been supplied through contractors, in the same way as in the case of oil. But there is no other trace of any such sense for *πλύνος* or *στίβος*. *πλυνος* should mean either a place for washing or the articles washed; cf. Suid. *πλυνὸς ὁξυτόνως τὸ ἀγγεῖον αὐτό, παροξυτόνως δὲ τὸ πλυνόμενον*. It is in the latter sense that Wilcken understands the word in the combination *νιτρικῆς πλύνου* (*Ost.* I. p. 264). *στίβος* ordinarily means 'path' or 'footstep,' but in this context is obviously to be connected with the sense of 'washing,' which the same root has in *στείβειν* and *στειβεύς*. On the whole we are inclined to think that Apollonius and Onnophris were contractors for washing and fulling carried out in a place or places under State control, though whether the words *πλύνος* and *στίβος* have themselves a local signification—which is not really incompatible with the ostraca—or are equivalent to *τὰ πλυνόμενα καὶ στειβόμενα*, has still to be determined. Another possible alternative would be to suppose that *πλύνος* and *στίβος* are loosely used, and that the subject of the contract was not the industry itself but the tax upon it. The tax upon the fuller's trade (*γυαφική*) is well known in the Roman period, but there is as yet

no evidence concerning it in Ptolemaic times. Between the several alternative explanations a decision is hardly attainable without further evidence. The document is written in a large calligraphic hand. The order of the months in which the instalments are paid gives rise to a difficult chronological problem; cf. note on ll. 3-5.

Col. i.

[Παρά Ἀπο]λλωνίου καὶ Ὀνν[ώφρεως
 [τῶν ἐξ]ειληφότων [τὸν πλύνου
 [κα]ὶ στίβου εἰς τὸ γ (ἔτος) (δραχμῶν) ὙΒ . . [.]
 [ἔσ]τιν δὲ ἡ ἀναφορὰ ἀπὸ Μεχείρ
 5 [ἔω]ς Φαῶφι μηνῶν θ (δραχμαὶ) ὙΒιζ (δυνόβολοι) (ἡμιωβέλιον).
 [εἰ]ς τοῦτο πέπτωκεν ἐπὶ τὸ ἐν Κυ(νῶν) πάλει
 [λ]ογευτήριον
 [Μ]εχείρ πλύνου [(δραχμαὶ) ρ]μδ,
 [σ]τίβου λξ,
 10 [γί]νεται (δραχμαὶ) ρπα.
 [Φαμενώθ] πλύνου [
 [στίβου] . [

Col. ii.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Θωὺτ | σλη, |
| καὶ ἀπὸ διεγγυήσεως | (δραχμαὶ) ε, |
| 15 / | σμγ. |
| πλύνου | ροζ, |
| στίβου | ξς, |
| γίνεται | σμγ. |
| Φαῶφι πλύνου | ρns, |
| 20 στίβου | [ξ]ς, |
| / | σλβ. |
| γίνεται | Ἀώρη, |
| λ[οιπαὶ] | ριθ (δυνόβολοι) (ἡμιωβέλιον). |

6. του of τουτο inserted above the line.

13. τ of θωυτ corr. from θ.

From Apollonius and Onnophris, the contractors for the washing and fulling (?) in the third year at 2[...] drachmae. The instalment for the 9 months from Mecheir to

Phaophi is 2017 drachmae $2\frac{1}{2}$ obols: to meet this there has been paid into the collecting-office at Cynopolis, in Mecheir for washing 144 dr., for fulling 37 dr., total 181 dr. . . . Thoth 238 dr., and as surety-money 5 dr., total 243 dr. For washing 177 dr., for fulling 66 dr., making 243 dr. Phaophi for washing 156 dr., for fulling 66 dr., making 232 dr. Total 1898 dr.; remainder 119 dr. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ob.'

3-5. If the amounts due each month were equal, the monthly instalment would amount to 224 dr. $\frac{17}{8}$ ob., and the total to 2689 dr. $5\frac{1}{3}$ ob.; but those figures cannot be read in l. 3. The instalments may therefore be assumed to have differed; cf. 116. 3-4. That the series begins with Mecheir is worth noting in connexion with 115. 5 and 116. 3; cf. notes *ad loc.* It is impossible to be certain in the present case whether the fourth quarter of the year was reckoned as preceding Mecheir or following after Phaophi. But whether Athur or, as is more likely, Mecheir is here the beginning of the financial year, this does not coincide with the ordinary revenue year starting in Thoth, in spite of the fact that in l. 3 the two taxes are stated to be farmed 'for the 3rd year' of a king. We defer to App. ii. p. 361 a discussion of the possible solutions of this complicated problem.

7. [λ]ογευτήριον: cf. 106, intro.

12. The lower half of the column which contained details for the five months from Pharmouthi to Mesore is lost.

14. The meaning of this item is that the payments being in arrear one of the sureties for the contractors had to make up the deficiency. At the end of the nine months there was still a considerable sum owing. Similar entries occur in 115. 15 and 34.

16-7. These are the details for Thoth, the 5 dr. ἀπὸ διεγγυήσεως being included in one of the items; the total given in l. 15 is repeated in l. 18.

115. ACCOUNT OF TAXES ON SACRIFICES AND WOOL.

Mummy 84.

Fr. (a) 24.7 × 11 cm.

About B.C. 250.

Some fragmentary taxing accounts, of which the two columns given below are in a fair state of preservation. The first of these relates to the μόσχων δεκάτη, or 10 per cent. duty upon sacrificial calves, which is here first met with in the Ptolemaic period. The fragment published in P. Petrie II. p. 37, from which Wilcken (*Ost.* I. p. 377) infers the existence in the third century B.C. of a tax on sacrifices, is shown by the republication in P. Petrie III. 112 (a) not to justify that conclusion. The tax is also called a δεκάτη in P. Tebt. II. 307 and 605-7, of about the year A.D. 200, where the amount is 20 drachmae, paid in two cases at least by priests. The impost was probably levied by the State upon the profits which the priests derived upon the sacrifices offered by private persons; cf. Wilcken, *Ost.* I. pp. 384-5.

The subject of the next column is a tax of 5 per cent. on wool, apparently a property-tax, of which the present is the first mention. A tax of $\frac{1}{24}$ on wool (κ'δ' ἐρίων) is found in another (unpublished) Hibeh papyrus; but whether

that represents the same impost at a lower rate or is something distinct, e.g. an export duty (cf. 80), is not clear. Concerning the wool-tax in Roman times information is even scantier, though P. Cairo 10449 (Wilcken, *Archiv*, I. p. 552), in which *ἐριηρά* occurs, proves that it continued to exist.

Both accounts are arranged on the same plan. At the head of the column are the names of the tax and the tax-farmers, which are followed by estimates of the amounts expected in different months and statements of the sums actually paid; cf. 116.

The papyrus belongs to about the middle of the third century, but no date occurs. Col. iii is written over some earlier writing which has been washed out.

Col. ii.

- μόσχων δεκάτης Π.] καὶ
 Νικάτωρ []
 ἐπιβάλλει τῷ μηνὶ . . .]
 εἰς τοῦτο γράφουσι γέινεσθαι]
 5 Μεχὶρ (τριώβολον),
 Φαμενώθ (τριώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 Φαρμούθι οὐθέν,
 Παχὼνς (δραχμάς) ξδ [(δυοβόλους),
 / (δραχμαὶ) ξε (δυόβολοι) (ἡμιωβέλιον).
 10 πέπτωκε Μεχὶρ οὐθέν,
 Φαμενώθ (δραχμὴ) α (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 Φαρμούθι] οὐθέν,
 Παχὼνς (δραχμαὶ) νη (πεντάβολον) [
 Παῦνι ἀπὸ (δραχμῶν) ξζ (δραχμαὶ) γ (τριώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον) (τέταρ-
 τον?), [λα(ιπαὶ)] (δραχμαὶ) ξβ (δυόβολοι) (τέταρτον).
 15 καὶ διεγγύησις ὑπ' Αρμή.] (δραχμαὶ) κε,
 καὶ προσκαταστήσουσι] ρων (δραχμάς) ε,
 / (δραχμαὶ) λ

 Παῦνι γέινεται
 ε.

containing Col. iii, and are combined with Col. ii on the basis of the arithmetic in ll. 15-7; but there is nothing to determine the precise length of the lacunae. The names here and in ll. 20-1 are those of the tax-farmers.

3. Cf. l. 22, where $\tau\eta\iota$ ($\tau\epsilon\tau\rho$) $\eta\mu(\acute{\epsilon}\rho\omega\iota)$ takes the place of $\tau\acute{\omega}\iota \mu\acute{\eta}\nu\iota$ (?). The reading there is not very certain, and the letters might be read $\mu\eta$, i.e. ($\tau\epsilon\tau\rho$) $\mu\acute{\eta}(\nu\omega\iota)$; but the former alternative is confirmed by the occurrence of the same abbreviation in the remains of the first column, and there the last letter is plainly μ (or π), not η . Apparently ll. 3 and 22 give purely hypothetical estimates, gained by a simple process of arithmetical division, of the amount falling due within the period named; cf. 116. 5, where after a statement of amounts payable in the two halves of the year the papyrus proceeds $\delta\epsilon\acute{\iota} \sigma\acute{\upsilon}\nu \alpha\acute{\upsilon}\tau\acute{\omicron}\nu \tau\acute{\alpha}\xi\alpha\sigma\theta\alpha\iota \tau\eta\varsigma$ ($\tau\epsilon\tau\rho$) $\eta\mu(\acute{\epsilon}\rho\omega\iota)$. . . The estimates which follow in ll. 4-9 and 23-8, on the other hand, though also hypothetical, have obviously a closer relation to facts, and may be conjectured to be the amounts paid in the corresponding periods of the preceding year. This point would be clearer if the word after $\gamma\rho\acute{\alpha}\phi\omicron\upsilon\sigma\iota$ in ll. 4 and 23 were definitely ascertainable. An infinitive is expected, and on the whole $\gamma\acute{\epsilon}\iota\upsilon\epsilon\sigma\theta\alpha\iota$ or $\gamma\epsilon\acute{\nu}\epsilon\sigma\theta\alpha\iota$ seem most suitable; if the latter were adopted the reference to a previous occasion would be more necessary.

5. *Μεχίρ*: this month perhaps began the financial year; cf. notes on 114. 3-5 and 116. 3-4, and pp. 360-1.

14. This mention of Pauni, which month does not occur in the list of estimates in ll. 5-8 and apparently belongs to the next group of entries (l. 18), is curious. Perhaps these 3 dr. $3\frac{3}{4}$ obols paid in Pauni were reckoned with the account of Mecheir—Pachon in order to diminish the difference between 65 dr. $2\frac{1}{2}$ obols, the total of the estimate (l. 9), and 59 dr. $5\frac{1}{2}$ (or $5\frac{3}{4}$) ob., the sum of the actual receipts in ll. 10-3. A somewhat similar difficulty arises in the corresponding passage of the other account at l. 33, where there is an additional entry of an obscure character after the sums relating to the 4 months; but $\Pi\acute{\alpha}\nu\iota$ cannot be read there.

Some of the figures in l. 14 are by no means certain. The first number is probably $\xi\varsigma$ or $\xi\zeta$; and the question arises whether the figures at the end of the line represent the difference between these 66 or 67 drachmae and the 3 dr. $3\frac{3}{4}$ ob. actually paid, or the sum of the 3 dr. $3\frac{3}{4}$ ob. and the preceding items in ll. 10-3. We have been led to adopt the former supposition owing to the circumstance that the obols and fractions in l. 14 add up to a drachma, as apparently they should do if $\lambda\omicron(\iota\pi\alpha\iota)$ is supplied in the lacuna, whereas the sums in ll. 10-3, which amount to at least 59 dr. $5\frac{1}{2}$ obols, added to 3 dr. $3\frac{3}{4}$ ob. make 63 dr. $3\frac{3}{4}$ ob., and the number at the end of l. 14 is not $3\frac{1}{4}$ but $2\frac{1}{4}$ obols. But the blurred vestiges at the end of the line do not suggest $\xi\gamma$ or $\xi\beta$.

15. Perhaps $\text{Ἀρμ}\alpha\acute{\upsilon}\nu\iota\omicron\varsigma$ (?), a name which occurs in the first column. For $\delta\iota\epsilon\gamma\gamma\acute{\eta}\sigma\iota\varsigma$ cf. 114. 14, note. The size of the lacunae in the middle of ll. 15-6 is uncertain; cf. note on ll. 1-2.

16. The vestige of the letter before $\rho\omega\nu$ would suit α or ω .

22 sqq. Cf. note on l. 3.

33. The supposed ι might be ρ and the preceding letter ϵ or η . Neither $\gamma\acute{\epsilon}\iota\upsilon\epsilon\tau\alpha\iota$ nor $\lambda\omicron\iota\pi\acute{\alpha}$ can be read; cf. l. 14, note.

37. There are traces of five lines between this and l. 36, but they apparently all belong to the erased document; cf. introd.

116. ACCOUNT OF BATH-TAX.

Mummy 12.

16.8 × 16.8 cm.

About B.C. 245.

Part of an account dealing with the tax of a third upon baths, for the collection of which at Busiris (the modern Abusîr) the large sum of 1320 drachmae was paid by Aristander. This impost, which is to be distinguished from the ordinary tax *βαλανείων*, was apparently a percentage of $\frac{1}{3}$ levied upon the profits of privately owned baths; cf. note on 108. 7. An estimate is first given (cf. 115) of the amounts (which are not equal) accredited to the two halves of the year, and of the sum falling due every four days; and an account of the actual payments follows. It is remarkable that the half years commenced with Mecheir and Mesore; cf. note on 1. 3.

The column printed is preceded by the ends of lines from another column, which contained a similar account relating probably to a different tax; cf. 115. These two columns are written on the verso of the papyrus. On the recto are two more columns of official accounts, unfortunately both fragmentary, written in a different hand and referring to *νίτρον* and *πλύνος* (cf. 114). Col. i shows that *νίτρον* was priced at 4 drachmae the talent, e. g. ll. 10-1] *νίτρον* (τάλαντα) ρλγγ' ἀν(ὰ) δ (δραχμαὶ) φλγ (δυόβολοι), | *νίτρον*] (τάλαντα) Ἀτλγγ' ἀν(ὰ) δ (δραχμαὶ) Ἑτλγ (δυόβολοι). In P. Tebt. I. 120 3 minae of *νίτρον* are valued at 90 copper drachmae, which on a ratio of silver to copper of 1 : 4.50 exactly corresponds with the price here. The three preceding lines contain the entry *νίτρον* ?] (τάλαντα) υ, εἰσόδεια τῆς | [14 letters ?] ἐκ τοῦ ἐπιβάλλοντος | [αὐτοῖς (?) κατὰ τὸ δι]άγραμμα ἀν(ὰ) κ. Col. ii, in which *πλύνον* [occurs, mentions *διεγγύησις* [(cf. 114. 14, 115. 15), and τῷ παρὰ τοῦ οἰκονόμου [ἐγλαβόντι . . . | ἐγγύους εἰς ἔκτισιν (cf. 94-5).

The papyrus may belong to the latter part of the reign of Philadelphus or the earlier years of Euergetes; it was the only Greek document from Mummy 12.

Col. ii.

βαλανείων γ'

Βουσείρεως Ἀρίστανδρος Θίβρωνος (δραχμαὶ) Ἀτ[κ.

διαίρεσις Μεχὶρ ἕως Ἐπεῖφ ἀν(ὰ) ρα (τετρώβολον) (δραχμαὶ) φν,

Μεσορῇ ἕως Τῦβι ἀν(ὰ) ρκη (δυοβόλους) (δραχμαὶ) ψρ, πλ(ῆρες ?) [

5 δεῖ οὖν αὐτὸν τάξασθαι τῆς (τετρ)ημέρου] ἰγ (τετρώβολον).

πέπτωκεν

Μεχῖρ β β (τετρώβολον) (τέταρτον), γ β (τετρώβολον), η ζ (δύοβολοι),
 ι θ (δύοβολοι) (τέταρτον), ια β (πεντώβολον ?) [(ἡμιωβέλιον),
 ιδ β (τριώβολον), ις δ, ιη ε (δύοβολοι), κς κς, / ξβ (πεντώβολον).
 Φαμ[ενὼθ
 ε α (ὀβολος) (ἡμιωβέλιον), ι ιβ, ι[.]γ, ις . . (τετρώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 ις ε, κ[. . . ,
 10 κδ δ, κς δ (τετρώβολον), κς ις (τριώβολον ?), / ρα (τρίωβολον) (ἡμιω-
 βέλιον) [] Φαρμ[οῦθι . κβ,
 ι ιβ, ιη ι, / μδ. Παχῶ[ν
 / σλ (ἡμιωβέλιον), λ(οιπαῖ) ρλς (τριώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον). καὶ τ[οῦ
 Παῦνι ρα (τετρώβολον),
 / σκη (ὀβολος) (ἡμιωβέλιον). πέ(πτωκε) Παῦνι [/ μς,
 λ(οιπαῖ) ρπβ (ὀβολος) (ἡμιωβέλιον). [ε]ῖς τ[οῦτ]ο πέ(πτωκε) ?

'The third upon baths. At Busiris: Aristander son of Thibron 1320 drachmae. The period from Mecheir to Epeiph at 91 drachmae 4 obols, 550 dr.; from Mesore to Tubi at 128 dr. 2 ob., 770 dr. He ought therefore to pay for every four days 13 dr. 4 ob.

'Paid: on Mecheir 2nd, 2 dr. 4½ ob.; 3rd, 2 dr. 4 ob. &c.'

3-4. Since the two half-yearly periods commenced with Mecheir and Mesore the year must have been reckoned from one of those two months. Mecheir being put first would be more naturally regarded as the starting-point, and that view is to some extent corroborated by 114. 4, 115. 5, 24; cf. 114. 3-5, note. On the other hand Mesore as the beginning of a financial year is supported by the evidence of 133 and Rev. Laws lvi. 5. In any case it is strange that in matters directly relating to taxation the regnal or at any rate some year which differed from the revenue year beginning on Thoth 1 was so often employed; cf. pp. 360-1.

4. For πλ(ῆρες) after a figure to indicate that nothing is wanting cf. e.g. P. Petrie III. 109 (c). 6. But πλ(), if that be the right reading, may also stand for πλείω, and a figure would then have followed, perhaps σκ, i.e. the difference between the two totals.

5. (τετρα)μ(έρου): or (τετρα)μή(νον), but the former seems preferable on the analogy of 115. 3; cf. note *ad loc.*

6. (τριώβολον) or (τετρώβολον) may be read at the end of the line in place of (πεντώβολον), in which case another entry would follow for the 12th or 13th of the month.

12. The figure from which σλ (ἡμιωβέλιον), the sum of the actual receipts from Mecheir to Pachon, is subtracted is the total due for those four months calculated on the scale given in l. 3: 91 dr. 4 ob. × 4 = 366 dr. 4 ob. 230 dr. ½ ob. subtracted from this leaves 136 dr. 3½ ob., which were still owing. To this deficiency is added the estimated total for Pauni in accordance with the scale in l. 3, making 228 dr. 1½ obols, from which are deducted the actual receipts for Pauni, 46 dr., leaving 182 dr. 1½ ob. still owing at the end of that month. How this deficiency was met was being explained when the papyrus breaks off.

117. RETURN OF CORN REVENUE.

Mummy A.

24 × 15.2 cm.

B. C. 239 (238) or 214 (213).

An account of corn received during Epeiph, rendered by an official in charge of the State granaries of the *Kwίτης*; cf. the monthly returns of sitologi to the strategus in Roman times, e. g. B. G. U. 835. The total is curiously small, only 138½ artabae of olyra and 12 of wheat, the olyra being apparently the repayments of loans of seed for green crops, while the wheat was for the crown-tax, an impost levied on special occasions; cf. P. Tebt. I. pp. 223-4. The papyrus is dated in the 8th year of a king who is certainly not earlier than Euergetes, for the handwriting, which is extremely cursive, approximates more than that of most documents in this volume to the second century B. C. style; the reign may be that of Philopator, though the latest certain date found in these papyri is the 25th year of Euergetes (90). On the right are the beginnings of lines of another document in a different hand, and on the verso is part of another account.

- [Ἦτου]ς η, παρὰ Ἀροννώφριος
 [το]ῦ πρὸς τοῖς θη(σαυροῖς) τοῦ Κωίτου.
 σίτου τοῦ μεμετρημένου
 [ἐ]ν τῷ Ἐπίφ. χλωρῶν εἰς σπέρμα
 5 [ὁ]λυρῶν ρληδ', στεφάνου
 η (ἔτους) πυρ(ῶν) δ, ζ (ἔτους) πυρ(ῶν) η, / πυρ(ῶν) ιβ,
 [ὁ]λυρῶν ρληδ', / τὸ καθ' ἑν.
 ἐν Τάληι εἰς τοὺς περὶ Ψῦχιν
 [. .]χαρης τοῦ Καλλιστράτου περὶ
 10 Ψῦχιν χλωρῶν σπ(έρμα) ὀλ(υρῶν) μζζ,
 [ὁ] αὐτὸς τοῦ Παρμενίωνος χλ(ωρῶν) σπ(έρμα) ὀλ(υρῶν) μζζ,
 [Σ]τράτων τοῦ Φιλίππου περὶ Ἀσσύαν
 [χλ(ωρῶν) σπ(έρμα) ὀλ(υρῶν) μγδ',
 [εἰς ταῦ]τὸ χλ(ωρῶν) σπέρ(μα) ὀλ(υρῶν) ρληδ'.
 15 [ἐν Φεβί]χαι Θεόδωρος τῶν ἐξ Ἀγ-
 [κυρῶν πόλεως] . α στεφάνου πυρ(ῶν)
 [η (ἔτους) πυρ(ῶν) δ, ζ] (ἔτους) πυρ(ῶν) η,

Traces of 3 more lines.

8. This line inserted later.

'The 8th year, from Haronnophris, superintendent of granaries of the Koïte district. Account of corn measured in Epeiph: for green-stuffs for seed $138\frac{1}{4}$ artabae of olyra, for the crown-tax of the 8th year 4 artabae of wheat, for that of the 7th year 8 artabae of wheat. Total 12 artabae of wheat, $138\frac{1}{4}$ artabae of olyra. Of this the details are: paid at Talaë on account of holdings at Psuchis . . . chares on account of the holding of Callistratus at Psuchis for green-stuffs for seed $47\frac{1}{2}$ artabae of olyra; the same on account of the holding of Parmenion for green-stuffs for seed $47\frac{1}{2}$ artabae of olyra; Straton on account of the holding of Philippus at Assua for green-stuffs for seed $43\frac{1}{4}$ artabae of olyra; total for green-stuffs for seed $138\frac{1}{4}$ artabae of olyra. At Phebichis, Theodorus from Ancyronpolis for the crown-tax paid in wheat of the 8th year 4 artabae of wheat, for that of the 7th year 8 artabae of wheat . . .

4. *χλωρῶν εἰς σπέρμα*: cf. 119. 17, where $40\frac{1}{2}$ artabae of wheat are paid for *χλωρῶν* among various items of receipts from a *κληῖρος*, and the payments for *χλωρά* in 51. 2 and 112. 9.

8. *τάλη*: cf. 36. 3, note.

εἰς τοὺς: sc. *κλήρους*; cf. *τοῦ Καλλιστράτου* (sc. *κλήρου*) in l. 9, and notes on 52. 26, 112. 6, and 118. 2. Whether these *κληροὶ* were really owned by cleruchs or had reverted to the Crown is not clear.

15-6. *Ἀγκυρῶν πόλεως*: cf. pp. 9-10, 67. 4, and 112. 74. Very likely one or both words were abbreviated, unless the word before *στεφάνου* (of which the last letter may be λ instead of α) was an abbreviation. *πυρ(ῶν)* after *στεφάνου* seems superfluous; cf. ll. 5-6.

118. ACCOUNT OF OLYRA.

Mummy A.

Fr. (a) 17.8 × 26, Fr. (b) 26.2 × 20.8 cm.

About B.C. 250.

Two fragments of an account of olyra, written probably by a sitologus or other official of the *θησαυρός*, in a large and clear hand over an obliterated document. Lines 1-15, which begin a new section headed *σπέρμα* and may be the actual commencement of the account, give a list of seed issued to or repaid by cultivators of crown or cleruchic land (cf. l. 2, note). Lines 17-36 give various details of expenditure for horses and other purposes; and in l. 37 begins a list of (apparently) payments to various persons from Pharmouthi to Mesore, the names of women being placed after those of men.

Fr. (a).

Col. i.

Col. ii.

σπέρμα

Χοίαχ β.

Πανεύης εἰς τὸν Ἰάσονος ὀλ(υρῶν) λζζ,

ἵπποις ὀλ(υρῶν) β,

Πολέμω[ν εἰ]ς τὸν Θεοδώρου ρος,

η ἵπποις ὀλ(υρῶν) β,

Ἀντικράτης εἰς τὸν Πολυαίνου νς,

20 ιδ ἵπποις ὀλ(υρῶν) β.

5 *Ποκῶς εἰς τὸν Τιμοκράτου ρκε,*

Ποκῶνς εἰς τὴν Θεοχρήστου
 διώρυγα ιηδ',
 εἰ[ς] τ[ὸ]ν Ἰάσονος ὀλ(υρῶν) ρζΛ,
 Παούτης με,
 10 Νεχθῶνς ξγΛ,
 Σοντεῦς εἰς τὸν Θεοκ[.],
 Σισόις εἰς τὸν Παρα[.],
 καὶ ἦν ἔσπειραν Θ[.]
 [. . . .] του διώρυγα [. . . .]
 15 [/] ὀλ(υρῶν) ωνηδ'.
 [. . . .] φορων [.]

ἀνήλωμα·
 Ὀννώφρι τέκτον[ι] . . ,
 ναυκλήρῳι γ,
 Συντεῦς ἀρχιε[ρεὺς] . . ,
 25 Συντεῦς Πετοβά[στιος] . . ,
 Εὐαγόραι ς,
 τοῖς Δωρίωνος [.

 καὶ ἔδωκα αὐτῶ[ι]
 ωι ἐλάττω εὐρέθ[η]

30 τὸ πᾶν τὸ ἀνήλω[μα]
 [.] . [. . . .] . [.]

Fr. (b). Col. i.

Παχῶνς εἰς ἵπποι[ς] ὀλ(υρῶν) α,
 ι ὀλ(υρῶν) β, ις αΛ, κγ αΛ,
 κς αΛ, / ὀλ(υρῶν) ζΛ.
 35 Παῦνι β ὀλ(υρῶν) αΛ, ς αΛ,
 η αΛ, ιε Λ, [/] ὀλ(υρῶν) ε.
 Φαρμουῖθι σιτομετρία·
 Μ[αι]θούτης ὀλ(υρῶν) γ,
 Κρατῖνος ὀλ(υρῶν) γ, [/] ὀλ(υρῶν) ς.
 40 Παῦνι σιτομετρία·
 Κλίτος γ,
 [Ἰ]στ[ι]ῆος γ,
 Π[ο]ῶνς γ,
 [Με]λάνθιος δ,
 45 [Κε]φάλων δ,
 [Θο]ορταῖος γ,
 [Π]ᾶσις γ,
 [Θό]ργων γ,
 [Ἀ]πολλώνιος γ,

Col. ii.

60 [Ἐ]πείφ·
 Θόργων γ,
 Κλίτο[ς] γ,
 Κεφάλων [δ,
 Θοορταῖ[ο]ς γ,
 65 Ποῶνς γ,
 / ὀλ(υρῶν) ις.
 Μεσορή·
 Μαιθού[τη]ς ὀλ(υρῶν) γ,
 Κρατῖνος γ,
 70 Μελάνθιο[ς] δ,
 Κεφάλων δ,
 Θοορταῖος γ,
 Κλάδος γ,
 Κλίτος γ,
 75 Νικίας γ,
 Πᾶσις γ,
 Θόργων γ,

| | | | |
|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 50 | [Κρ]ατῖνος γ, | | Ἀπολλώνιο[ς] γ, |
| | [Νι]κίας γ, | | Ἰστίῆος γ, |
| | [Πλά]των γ, | 80 | Πλάτων γ, |
| | [Μα]ιθούτης γ, | | Ἀρμιῦσις γ, |
| | [Κλ]άδος γ, | | Ποῶνς γ, |
| 55 | [Ἀ]ρμιῦσις γ, | | Διο[νυ]σία ζ, |
| | Διονυσία ζ, | | Μυρρίνη β, |
| | Μυρρίνη β, | 85 | Βουβάλιον β, |
| | [Βουβάλιο]ν β, | | Σίμων β, |
| | / ὀλ(υρῶν) ν]η. | | / ὀλ(υρῶν) ξ. |

Fr. (c).

[. . .]εν[

[λοι]παὶ ἀργυρίου [

90 πυρὸν ![

36. ε of ιε corr. from γ, and ε at the end of the line corr. from ζ.

2. εἰς τὸν Ἰάσονος: sc. κλῆρον, as we think, though in P. Petrie III. 100, an account resembling the earlier part of 118, the editors supply λόγον with εἰς τὸν. But κλῆρον is more easily coupled with διώρυγα (ll. 7 and 14) than λόγον; and cf. 117. 8, where with εἰς τοὺς περὶ Ψῦχιν probably κλήρους is to be supplied, and P. Petrie II. 39 (a). 10, where seed is ordered to be issued εἰς τὸν Δυσίππου κλ(ῆ)ρον (cf. ll. 13-4 εἰς τὸν Ἀσκλάπανος καὶ Σωπάτρου πρεσβυτέρων κλήρους). It is not clear whether the account in ll. 2-15 refers to repayments of loans or to the actual advances of seed-corn, like P. Petrie III. 90. The Ἰάσονος κλῆρος must have been very large, since besides the $37\frac{1}{2}$ artabae issued to Pancuis, $97\frac{1}{2}$ artabae are advanced to another of its γεωργοί (l. 8), and probably the entries in ll. 9-10 also refer to it. The advances of seed altogether in this section seem larger than would be expected in the case of regular cleruchic holdings which rarely exceeded 100 arourae, and the κλῆροι here are probably in reality βασιλικοί; cf. 52. 26, note. It is not certain whether 118 concerns an Oxyrhynchite or a Koïte village, but if the village is Oxyrhynchite the Ἰάσονος κλῆρος here may be identical with the Ἰάσο[ν]ος κλῆρος in P. Oxy. 265. 4.

6. The issue of seed for a canal is curious; cf. ll. 13-4. It must have been a deep cutting with sloping sides. Theochrestus is more likely to have been the constructor (cf. the κλέωνος διώρυξ in P. Petrie II. 6. 5), or some person after whom it was called, than the owner.

12. Παρα[is very likely Παρα[μένον; cf. 99. 7.

13. Perhaps Θε[ο]χρήστου; cf. l. 6. But there was plenty of room for Θεοχρήστου in l. 13.

16. This line is probably a heading like l. 1. [Παστο]φύρων, sc. κώμη (cf. 87. 6), is possible. ἐκ[φύριον is unlikely, for the letter after φop resembles ω more than ιω, and a heading would be expected to project to the left.

37. σιτομετρία: this word, which in itself might mean simply a measuring out of corn, is the technical term used for official payments from the State granaries to individuals for

salaries, &c. (cf. 83. 5, introd.); and it is probable that the persons in the following lists were recipients, not payers. The grants may have been for *κάτεργον* (wages); cf. 119. 4, where *κάτεργον* is coupled with *ἐκφόριον* and *σπέρμα* in connexion with a *κλήρος*.

42-9. These names are restored from the list in ll. 68-86, which apparently agreed with that in ll. 41-58 with the addition of one more woman (*Σίμων* β, l. 86).

88-90. These lines are probably from the bottom of Fr. (a), Col. i or ii.

119. ACCOUNT OF RENT.

Mummy A 9.

26.4 × 10.4 cm.

About B. C. 260.

A statement of the rents due from a cleruchic holding, with an account of the amounts paid. It is not clear whether the land was really in the occupation of a cleruch or belonged to the category of *βασιλικοὶ κλήροι*, on which see introd. to 39 and 52. 26, note. The latter is perhaps the more likely alternative, for the style is rather that of an official than a private document. The rent is classified under three heads: grain, which is reckoned in wheat and paid in olyra; green-stuffs, reckoned in wheat; and sesame, reckoned in sesame with its equivalent in wheat. The sesame was measured by an artaba of 40 choenices (cf. 74. 2, note); and the ratios of the values of wheat and olyra and wheat and sesame were given as approximately $2\frac{1}{2} : 1$ and $1 : 3\frac{1}{5}$. 166, a more imperfect duplicate of this papyrus, supplies the figures in ll. 6-8. Both copies were probably written in the latter part of the reign of Philadelphus.

*Εστιν τὸ ἐκφόριον τοῦ Ἀπολ[λωνίου]

κλήρου (πυρῶν) τν, [

σπέρμα ι,

κατέ[ρ]γου ι, / [το, /

5 μεμέτρηται

Φαμενῶτ κγ ὀλυ(ρῶν) ρ[πη,

Φαρμουῖθι δ ὀλυ(ρῶν) ρλ[τη',

ια ὀλυ(ρῶν) ρξ[α],

κ ὀλυ(ρῶν) σ,

10 κξ ὀλυ(ρῶν) ρι,

Παχῶνς κ ὀλυ(ρῶν) κελ

Παῦνι ιβ ὀλυ(ρῶν) [.] ι

Ἐπεὶπ κς ὀλυ(ρῶν) [.]

καὶ ὀλυ(ρῶν)

- 15 Χοίαχ ια ὀλυ(ρῶν) [. .]
 / ὀλυ(ρῶν) Γ' λ γ λ δ', / (πυρῶν) το γ λ δ'.
 καὶ χλωρῶν (πυρῶν) μ λ.
 καὶ σησάμου μέτρῳι α . () ζ λ, λ
 κάθαρσις λ δ',
 20 σπέρμα λ χοί(νικες) δ,
 λ(οιπαί) ε χοί(νικες) ε, λ
 χωματικ[δ]ν λ, λ(οιπαί) ε λ χοί(νικες) ε, / ε λ χοί(νικες) ε,
 αὐ (πυρῶν) ι ζ λ, / [(πυρῶν) ν η.
 / εἰς ταὐτὸ (πυρῶν) υ λα λ δ'.
 25 κη δ'.

'The rent of the holding of Apollonius is 350 artabae of wheat, for seed 10 art., for wages 10 art., total 370 art.; of which there has been measured:—on Phamenoth 23rd 188 art. of olyra, on Pharmouthi 4th 136 $\frac{1}{8}$ art., on the 11th 161 $\frac{1}{2}$, on the 20th 200, on the 27th 110, on Pachon 20th 25 $\frac{1}{2}$, on Pauni 12th 10, on Epeiph 26th . . and . . , on Choiak 11th . . , total 933 $\frac{3}{4}$ art. of olyra, which are 373 $\frac{3}{4}$ art. of wheat. On account of green-stuffs 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ art. of wheat; and of sesame by the . . . measure 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ art., from which deduct $\frac{3}{4}$ art. for cleaning and $\frac{1}{2}$ art. 4 choenices for seed. Remainder 6 art. 6 choen., of which the embankments-tax is $\frac{1}{2}$ art., remainder 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ art. 6 choen.; total 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ art. 6 choen., which are 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ art. of wheat, total 58 art. of wheat; making altogether 431 $\frac{3}{4}$ art. of wheat.'

4. κατέργον: as the 10 artabae reckoned under this head are evidently additional, they must have been due to the owner, whether the State or a cleruch (cf. introd.), for labour supplied. For *κάτεργον* in the sense of wages cf. e.g. P. Petrie III. 39. ii. 5, 63. 3. 166 has / τ ε at the end of this line in defiance of the arithmetic; τ ν in l. 2 is there quite certain.

6. In the abbreviation of ὀλυ(ρῶν) here and in 166 the three letters are written one above the other, λ below, then ο, and last ν, which consists of a shallow curve.

12. It is doubtful what was written between ὀλυ(ρῶν) and ι, and whether there was any erasure. In the corresponding place in 166 ὀλυ(ρῶν) ι seems to have been written twice, and ὀλυ(ρῶν) may have been similarly repeated here.

16. This ratio of the value of olyra and wheat, approximately 1 : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, agrees with that given in 85. 14-5; cf. note *ad loc.*

17. The absence of any dates of payments in the following section suggests that it is only an estimate like that in ll. 2-4. But the deductions on account of κάθαρσις, &c., and the improbability that the whole of the rent in grain would have been paid before any of that on other crops, are in favour of supposing that these items had also been paid. The figure after μ in l. 17 is uncertain; for $\frac{1}{2}$ artaba is elsewhere in this papyrus and 166 written as a half-circle, like the symbol for $\frac{1}{2}$ obol (cf. also notes on 52. 33 and 53. 20), while in this place it is square and might be taken for ε with the upper stroke rubbed off. But to read μ ε here causes difficulties in l. 23.

χλωρῶν: for payments on account of χλωρά cf. notes on 51. 2, 52. 26, and 112. 9.

18. The abbreviation of the name of the measure consists of an α, immediately above which is a horizontal stroke with a short vertical one depending from it to the right of the

apex of the α . The general effect is very like the common sign for ἀράβη; but ατ() may be meant. Whatever the name, the arithmetic of the following lines shows that this measure contained 40 choenices: $7\frac{1}{2}$ art. — $1\frac{1}{4}$ art. 4 choen. = 6 art. 6 choen., ∴ $6\frac{1}{4}$ art. — 4 choen. = 6 art. 6 choen., ∴ $\frac{1}{4}$ art. — 4 choen. = 6 choen., ∴ $\frac{1}{4}$ art. = 10 choen.

19. κάθαρσις: cf. P. Petrie III. 129, P. Tebt. 92. 9-11, &c.

20. The abbreviation of χοί(νικες) is written as a χ having an ο above and an ι below.

22. This deduction for χωματικόν, if the land was a βασιλικός κλήρος, is rather strange; but the meaning may be that a special allowance equivalent to the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ artaba of sesame was made to the lessee in connexion with the tax on dykes. In any case $\frac{1}{2}$ art. of sesame cannot represent the amount of the tax on the whole κλήρος, which may be guessed from the amount of the rent to have been nearly 80 or even 100 arourae. The rate of the χωματικόν was often 1 obol per aroura (P. Petrie III. 108. 2, &c., and 112. 13, note), whereas the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ art. of sesame according to the ratio given in l. 23 would be about $1\frac{3}{5}$ art. of wheat, or slightly over 3 drachmae, which at the rate of 1 obol per aroura represents a taxing-area of about 20 arourae.

23. The conversion of $5\frac{1}{2}$ art. 6 choen. of sesame into $17\frac{1}{2}$ art. of wheat implies a proportion in values of about $3\frac{1}{5}:1$. The value of sesame is here lower than that in Rev. Laws xxxix. 3, liii. 16, where an artaba of sesame is priced at 8 dr., ordinarily equivalent to 4 art. of wheat. Moreover, the artaba of sesame in Rev. Laws contained only 30 choenices, that in 119 40 choen.; cf. l. 18, note.

25. The meaning of this number, which is written at the bottom of the papyrus some distance below l. 24, is not clear.

120. ACCOUNT OF GOATS.

Mummy A.

Height 15 cm.

B. C. 250-49 (249-8).

An account rendered to Hipponicus, probably by his steward, of the changes that had taken place in a herd of goats during a period of several months in the 36th year of Philadelphus. The papyrus is broken into numerous fragments of which we print three, the rest providing no new information of interest. The goats are classified by colours as white, black, brown, streaked, grey, and mole-coloured (l. 15, note); cf. the list of horses in P. Petrie II. 35. At the beginning the herd numbered 80, and it increased partly through the birth of kids, partly through presents to the owner; cf. 123. Lines 30-33, which perhaps end the document, state that Botrys (the goat-herd?) had reported three deaths.

Fr. (a).

Fr. (b).

Col. i.

(Ἔτους) λς, λόγος Ἱππονίκῳ
τῶν ὑπαρχουσῶν
αἰγῶν καὶ τράγων
λευκαὶ [.

[Α]θὺρ
προσεγένοντο
αἰγες ἀπὸ ξείνων
παρὰ Ζηνοδόρου

5 μέλαιναι [.
 πυρραὶ [.
 ποικίλαι [.
 και θ
 σπόδιαι [.
 10 / π.

15 σπάλακα α,
 λευκὴ α.
 — καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς
 ἐπιγονῆς
 μέλαιναι [.
 20 [ποικί]λαι [.
 [. . .]αι [.
 πυρρὰ α.
 — ἀπὸ ξενίων λευκὴ [α,
 / δ.

Fr. (b) Col. ii.

Fr. (c).

25 Χοίαχ
 προσεγένον[το
 ἀπὸ ξενίω[ν παρὰ
 Κρίτωνος ἔρσεν[ες .
 λευκοὶ [.

30 ἀνήνεγκεν δὲ
 Βότρως τετελευ-
 τηκνίας αἴγας
 τρεῖς.

13. ξενίων: for the burdens entailed by the custom of giving presents to officials cf. P. Petrie II. 10 (1) and P. Tebt. 5. 184, note.

15. σπάλακα: this form, which should be nominative sing. fem., is probably an error for σπαλάκη; cf. P. Petrie II. 35 (a). iii. 2, where Wilcken reads σπαλακ[.]ν πῶλ(ον); in (d) 5, where σπάλακος occurs, the context is obscure. Hesychius says that σπάλακες, properly 'moles,' was used for εἶδος ἵππων.

121. PRIVATE ACCOUNT.

Mummy A 4.

Fr. (a) 30.5 × 8.5, Fr. (b) 10.8 × 9 cm. B. C. 251-0 (250-49).

An account, probably rendered by a servant to his master, of expenditure for various purposes. The two groups of entries on the recto are separated by a long space left blank. On the verso is a detailed account of miscellaneous household expenses from the 14th to the 19th days of a month, like P. Petrie III. 137-40. The handwriting is a large irregular cursive, probably of the reign of Philadelphus, though the reading of the date in l. 1 is not quite certain. Whether the writing on Fr. (b) is part of the same column as that on Fr. (a)

or of a second column is not clear; but the interval between ll. 45 and 46 is in any case trifling, since both refer to the same day.

Fr. (a). Recto.

[("Ετους)] λε, παρὰ Ἀγχώφιος (πυρῶν?) γ
 (δραχμαὶ?) ρ, ὧν ἔγραψας
 Ἀθ[ύ]ρ ἀλύσιον (δραχμὰς) μ,
 πο . ερι[ο]ν (δραχμὰς) λβ,
 5 Ἀλεξάνδρω[ι] (δραχμὰς) η,
 καὶ ἐμοὶ διὰ Π[ό]λλης (δραχμὰς) δ,
 κγ παρὰ Τεῶτ[ο]ς (δραχμὰς) δ,
 κς ἄλλας [.]

ἔλαβες (δραχμὰς) ξ, ἔμοι [[ε]]με,
 10 Ἰσιδώρω ιβ, Διονύσῳ η,
 ἐπὶ τὸν καυνάκην (δραχμὰς) δ,
 [Ζω]ῖλῳ (δραχμὰς) δ, Διδῖ (δραχμὰς) η,
 [.] . . ι (δραχμὰς?) δ.

Verso.

Col. i.

πα[] 15 letters]ν [. ,
 15 Πετειση() (τέταρτον), ἔλαιον χοι() [. ,
 καὶ εἰς τὸν σινδογείτην [. ,
 θερμὸν (τέταρτον), κ[ί]κι (τέταρτον), η . . [.] . . ,
 οἶν[ο]ς (ὀβολός) (τέταρτον),
 / (δραχμὴ) α (τετρώβολον) (τέταρτον).
 20 ιε. ἔλαιον παι(δίοις) (ἡμιωβέλιον), καὶ παι(δίοις) (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 Ἡρακλεί(δη)· ὄψον (ὀβολός), κίκι (τέταρτον),
 θερμὸν (τέταρτον), ξύλα (τέταρτον),
 ἔλαιον χοι() (τέταρτον), ὀνυχ[ι]ν() τε . . [(ὀβολός),
 οἶνος (ὀβολός) (τέταρτον),
 25 / (πεντώβολον) (τέταρτον).
 ις. ἔλαιον πα(ιδίοις) (ἡμιωβέλιον), καὶ παιδί(οις) (ἡμιωβέλιον),

- θερμὸν (τέταρτον), ἔλαιον χοί() (τέταρτον),
 Ἡρακλείδῃ (ἡμιωβέλιον), χόρτος (τέταρτον),
 κίκι (τέταρτον), οἶνος σοὶ (ὀβολός) (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 30 ἐργάτῃ (ἡμιωβέλιον), κράμβη (τέταρτον),
 καὶ ἔλαιον (τέταρτον), ἄρτος μοι (τέταρτον),
 ξύλα (τέταρτον),
 / (πεντώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον).
 ιζ. ἐρίθοις ἐρίων (τετρώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον), ξύλα [. ,
 35 ἔλ[αι]ον παι(δίοις) (ἡμιωβέλιον), καὶ παιδίοις (ἡμιωβέλιον),
 κ[ί]κι (τέταρτον), θερμ[δ]ν (τέταρτον), χ[.] . . α (τέταρτον ?),
 [. . .] . χόρτος (τέταρτον), [.] . εσ[.] . . . [. .
 [. .] . . α[.] . . ἔλαιον ὄψωι (τέταρτον),
 [οἶνος] σοὶ (ὀβολός) (ἡμιωβέλιον) (τέταρτον), φόρεθρα (δυόβολοι),
 40 ράφά(νια) [. ,] ἔλαιον εἰς () (τέταρτον),
 καὶ εἰς τὰ ὀρνίθια (τέταρτον),
 / (δραχμαὶ) β (ἡμιωβέλιον).
 [ι]η. ἔλ[α]ιον παι(δίοις) (ἡμιωβέλιον), παιδίοις [(ἡμιωβέλιον),
 . [. . .] . (τέταρτον), ράφάνι(α) (τέταρτον), κί[κ]ι . ,
 45 [II letters] . [.]ητη[.]

Fr. (b).

- Ἡρακλείδῃ (ἡμιωβέλιον), οἶν[ο]ς σοὶ (δυόβολοι),
 ὄψον (ἡμιωβέλιον), ἄλφιτα (ἡμιωβέλιον), ἔλαιον σοὶ (τέταρτον),
 [ἔ]λαιον ὄψωι (ἡμιωβέλιον), παιδίοις κύαθος (τέταρτον),
 / (δραχμὴ) α (τριώβολον) (ἡμιωβέλιον) (τέταρτον).
 50 ιθ. μάνητες (ὀβολός) (ἡμιωβέλιον), κράμβη (τέταρτον),
 καὶ ἔλαιον (τέταρτον), ξύλα (ἡμιωβέλιον) (τέταρτον),
 οἶνος σοὶ (ὀβολός) (ἡμιωβέλιον), ρίσαι (ὀβολός), σ . θ . [. . ,
 ἔλαιον ὀρνι(θίοις) (τέταρτον), καὶ εἰς βαλα(νεῖον) (τέταρτον),
 κριθαὶ (τέταρτον), μέλι (ὀβολός) (τέταρτον), λιβα[νω]τὸς . ,
 55 γυγγυλῖς [
 τευτ[λον
 ροῖα (τέταρτον), [

48. (ἡμωβελιον) corr. from (τέταρτον). 55. l. γογγυλῖς. 57. ο of ροια above the line.

'The 35th year, from Anchophis for 50 artabae 100 drachmae, of which you wrote off on account of Athur for a ring 40 dr., for a cup (?) 2 dr., to Alexander 8 dr., to me through Polle 4 dr.; 23rd, from Teos 4 dr.; 26th, in addition [...] dr.

'You received 60 dr., of which 15 were given to me, to Isidorus 12, to Dionysus 8, for the cloak 4 dr., to Zoilus 4 dr., to Didis 8 dr., to . . . 4 dr.

'(14th) . . . to Peteise . . . $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., oil . . . , and for the linen garment . . . , hot water $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., castor oil $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., . . . wine $1\frac{1}{4}$ ob. Total 1 dr. $4\frac{1}{4}$ ob. 15th, oil for the children $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. and to the children $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., to Heraclides for sauce 1 ob., castor oil $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., hot water $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., wood $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., oil . . . $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., . . . of onyx (?) 1 ob., wine $1\frac{1}{4}$ ob. Total $5\frac{1}{4}$ ob. 16th, oil for the children $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. and to the children $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., hot water $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., oil . . . $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., to Heraclides $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., grass $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., castor oil $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., wine for yourself $1\frac{1}{2}$ ob., to a labourer $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., cabbage $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., and oil $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., bread for myself $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., wood $\frac{1}{4}$ ob. Total $5\frac{1}{2}$ ob. 17th, to the wool-weavers $4\frac{1}{2}$ ob., wood . . . oil for the children $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. and to the children $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., castor oil $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., hot water $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., . . . grass $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., . . . oil for a sauce $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., wine for yourself $1\frac{3}{4}$ ob., transport 2 ob., radishes [...] ob., oil for . . . $\frac{1}{4}$ ob. and for (cooking) the birds $\frac{1}{4}$ ob. Total 2 dr. $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. 18th, oil for the children $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., to the children $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., . . . $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., radishes $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., castor oil . . . , to Heraclides $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., wine for yourself 2 ob., sauce $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., meal $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., oil for yourself $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., oil for a sauce $\frac{1}{2}$ ob., a cup for the children $\frac{1}{4}$ ob. Total 1 dr. $3\frac{3}{4}$ ob. 19th, bowls (?) $1\frac{1}{2}$ ob., cabbage $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., and oil $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., wood $\frac{3}{4}$ ob., wine for yourself $1\frac{1}{2}$ ob., roots (?) 1 ob., . . . oil for the birds $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., and for a bath $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., barley $\frac{1}{4}$ ob., honey $1\frac{1}{4}$ ob., frankincense . . . turnip . . . beet . . . pomegranate $\frac{1}{4}$ ob. . . '

4. Perhaps ποτέρ[ο]ν, i. e. ποτήριον.

8. It is very doubtful whether a figure was ever inserted after ἄλλας.

15. χοί() is more probably a substantive in the dative than an adjective agreeing with ἔλαιον. Perhaps χοί(ρωι), i. e. 'oil for (cooking) the pig'; cf. l. 53 ἔλαιον ὀρνι(θίους). The sign for $\frac{1}{4}$ obol in this papyrus is the same as the writer's τ, the right-hand portion of the cross-bar being omitted.

17. θερμόν: sc. ὕδωρ probably; cf. P. Petrie III. 140 (c). 6 ὕδωρ θερμ[όν]. It might also mean a lupine. At the end of the line 'Η[ρ]ακ[λ]εῖ(δη) (τέταρτον) is a possible, but not very satisfactory, reading.

23. The doubtful τ may be the sign for $\frac{1}{4}$ obol (cf. note on l. 15), in which case ὀνυχ[ιν] is probably for ὀνύχιον, and ε . . . [(ἡμωβελιον) (τέταρτον) must follow. With the reading adopted in the text, ὀνυχ[ιν] is more likely to be an abbreviation of the adjective ὀνύχιος.

36. Possibly χύτρα (τέταρτον); cf. P. Petrie III. 140 (a). 5 χύτρα χ(αλκοῦς).

40. Cf. P. Petrie III. 140 (d). 2 ραφάνια ὥστε ἐψῆσαι. After εἰς a word has been omitted which was contrasted with τὰ ὀρνίθια in l. 41.

50. μάνητες appears to be a plural of μάνης (or μανῆς), meaning an earthenware vessel (cf. ll. 4 and 48), a sense found in a passage quoted from Nicomachus by Athenaeus, p. 487 c. The existence of the genitive in -ητος from this word has been a matter of doubt, which the present passage will remove.

52. ρισαῖ is an unknown word; possibly ῥίζαι was meant.

56. τεύτ[λον]: σεύτλον and σεύτλιον are the forms used in the Petrie papyri.

XI. DESCRIPTIONS OF DOCUMENTS

- 122.** Mummy A. 7 × 14.7 cm. Beginning of an account of corn. Lines 1-5 Διάλογος ὁ πρὸς Ὀρον διὰ Κίσσου κρ(ιθῆς) (ἀρτάβας) β, Ποσειδωνίῳ ὀλ(υρῶν) (ἀρτάβας) ε, Κίσσῳ ὀλ(υρῶν) (ἀρτάβας) γ, ἄλλας Κίσσῳ ὀλ(υρῶν) γ, Κράτῃ (πυρῶν) (ἀρτάβας) γ, Ἀπολλοδώρῳ (πυρῶν) (ἀρτάβας) . . The writing is across the fibres. About B. C. 250. 8 lines.
- 123.** Mummy A. 8.3 × 8.6 cm. A short account of sheep received by the writer from different persons, some being bought. The text is Παρ' ὧν ἔχω πρόβατα· Ἀπολλωνίου α, Σωπάτρου α, Ἀλεξάνδρου α, καὶ παρὰ τοῦ νί[ο]ῦ τ[ο]ῦ Δειλίου τιμῆς α, παρὰ Δημητρίου ἐκ Κόβα (cf. 58. 6) α, Ξενόδοτος τιμῆς α, Νίκανδρος α. Written probably between B. C. 265 and 245. Complete. 10 lines.
- 124.** Mummy A 9. 14 × 9.7 cm. Conclusion of a contract for the loan of 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ artabae of olyra from Zenodorus (cf. 59) to Menonides; cf. 86. The text is] . αρμαρτι . . [11 letters π]άντων μέτρῳ β[ασιλικ]ῶι, ἐὰν [δὲ μὴ] ἀποδῶι ἀποτεισάτ[ω τ]μὴν [τῆς] ἀρτάβης ἐκάστης δραχμὰς [δ]ύο (cf. 86. 12, note), καὶ ἡ πρᾶξις ἔστω Ζη[νο]δώρῳ καὶ ἄλλῳ ὑπὲρ Ζηνοδώ[ρου] παρὰ Μενωνίδου πρὸς βασιλ[ικ]ά (cf. 93. 11). (2nd hand) Ἀρχιππος Φιλοξένου (cf. 130) Κυρηναῖος τῆς ἐπιγονῆς ἔγραψα συντάξα[ντος] Μενωνίδου. (3rd hand) Μενωνίδης Πέρσης ἰδιώτης τῶν Ζωίλου [[ε . . [. . . .]] ἀποδώσω ὀλυρῶν ἀρτάβας δεκαόκτω ἡμισυ τέταρτον κατὰ τὸ σύμβολον τοῦτο{ν}. On the verso a partly obliterated line and below it Μενωνίδου (ἀρτάβαι) ιηλδ'. Written about B. C. 250 in the Oxyrhynchite nome. 19 lines.
- 125.** Mummy A (probably A 9). 12.9 × 8 cm. Conclusion of another similar loan from Zenodorus to Menonides (cf. 124) for 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ artabae of olyra with signatures of Archippus and Menonides. On the verso (δραχμαὶ) μδ and below Μενωνίδου (ἀρτάβαι) λαδ'. Written across the fibres about B. C. 250 in the Oxyrhynchite nome. 17 lines.
- 126.** Mummy A (probably A 9). 4.5 × 9.2 cm. Fragment of another similar loan from Zenodorus to Menonides (cf. 124), beginning Ζηνοδώ[ρῳ] καὶ ἄλλῳ ὑπὲρ Ζηνοδώρου παρὰ Μένωνος π[ράσ]σονται πρὸς βασιλικά. [Μένω]νος also occurs in the signature of Archippus, but [Με]νωνίδης in that of Menonides himself. On the verso Μενωνίδου σύμβολα (ἀρτάβαι?) (δραχμαὶ) νθ (θ corr.). Written about B. C. 250 in the Oxyrhynchite nome. 9 lines.

- 127.** Mummy A (probably A 9). 9.5 × 10.3 cm. Beginnings of lines of a letter from Zenodorus (cf. 59) to Cresilaus, ordering him to send certain persons under arrest; cf. 59–62. The text is (1) Ζηνόδορ[ος] Κρησιλάωι χαίρειν. [πεφεύγασιν εἰς Ὀξύν-] (2) ρυγχίτον κόμην Θῶλθιν. καλῶς ἀ[ν] οὖν ποιήσας] (3) αὐτοὺς πέμψας πρὸς ἡμᾶς μετὰ φυ[λακῆς ἐπεὶ οὐκ ὀλί-] (4) γον ἀργύριον ἀφηρηπακότες εἰ . . [(5) σὺ περὶ ὧν ἂν ἡμῖν γράφηι [On the verso Κρη[σιλάωι. Written across the fibres about B.C. 250 in the Oxyrhynchite nome. 6 lines, of which probably only about $\frac{1}{3}$ is preserved.
- 128.** Mummy A 17. 4 × 8.5 cm. Beginning of a contract dated in the 15th year of Philadelphus (B.C. 271–0 or 270–69), corresponding to 99. 1–4 and probably written by the same person, perhaps a duplicate of 99. 4 lines.
- 129.** Mummy A (found with 86). 9.3 × 7.4 cm. An acknowledgement by a military settler of a loan of 15 artabae of olyra from Docimus; cf. 86. The text is Ἀ[πολλ]ώνιος Σίμου Μυσό[ς] τῆς ἐπιγυνῆς Δοκ[ί]μω[ι] χαίρει(ν). ἔχω παρὰ σοῦ ὀλυρῶν ἀρτάβας δεκάπεντε, τοῦτον δέ σοι τὸν σίτον ἀποδώσω ἐμ μηνὶ Δαισίωι ἐν τῷ ἐνάτῳ κα[ί] τριακοστῷ ἔτε[ι] σίτον κα[θαρὸν] μέτρ[ωι] βασιλικῷ ὃν ἀποκαταστήσω σο[ι] . . . Written in B.C. 247 (246). Incomplete, the end being lost. 10 lines.
- 130.** Mummy A (probably A 9). 22.4 × 7 cm. Beginnings of lines of a letter from Demophon to Ptolemaeus similar to 53, commencing [Δημ]οφῶν Πτολ[εμαίωι χαίρειν. ἀπέσταλκά σοι τὸ π[ρο]σάγγε[λμα] τῆς πρώτης (?) δεχημέρου] τοῦ Ἀθῆρ τῶν κα[τα]νεμεμηκότων ?] ἐν τοῖς κατὰ σέ [τόποις. πειρῶ οὖν διεγγνᾶν] ἀσφαλῶς. Θῶλθις ἐκ τῆς [παρειμένης . . .] χερσαράκου [. . , followed by a list of names arranged under κλήροι (ἐκ τοῦ Ἡρακλείδου, ἐκ τοῦ Πτολεμαίου, ἐκ τοῦ Κυ[δρέους, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου). Amongst the names occurring are Ἀρχιππος Φιλοξέν[ου] (cf. 124), Νέστωρ Ἀθηναίου, Περμεύς, Μαχάτας and Πακάμις. Written about B.C. 247. 27 lines.
- 131.** Mummy A 2. 18.5 × 10.9 cm. Part of a letter to an official mentioning the chief-priest at Phebichis (cf. 72. 1–2). The text is Π[ε]ρ[ι]ο[σ]ίριος τοῦ Ἀρυ[ώ]του ἀρχιερέως χ [. .] ἐν Φεβίχει. καλῶς ἂν ποιήσα[ις] εἰ σοι φαίνεται συντάξας Ἱμούθην [13 letters] μετρήσαι [11 letters] ἔλαιον ἔτι ἐν Φαῶφι μηνὶ [10 letters] οἰκονόμος [.] Written about B.C. 245. 8 lines.
- 132.** Mummy A. Fr. (a) 8.5 × 15.5 cm. Two fragments containing parts of two columns of a list of payments for various taxes, including the ἐννόμιον (cf. 52, introd.), the tax of $\frac{1}{24}$ (κ'δ' ; cf. 80, 95, and 112. 38, note), and the 5' (i.e. ἕκτη) Φιλαδέλφ(ωι) (cf. 109) for which 3 obols are paid at Ταλαῷ by Πτολεμαῖος καὶ Ἀνδρόμαχος, and 1 dr. 3 ob. at Σινάρν by Σεμφθεύς,

besides οἴνου τιμὴν (i.e. the value of wine paid for the ἔκτῃ), for which 4 drachmae are paid at Σινάρον by Ἀρφικωῖτις and another person respectively. The village of Μουχιναρνώ, the proper name Ψωφούς, and the 30th year (of Philadelphus) are also mentioned. Written about B.C. 255.

133. Mummy A 5. 10.9 × 7.2 cm. Beginnings of lines of part of a petition to Eutychus, dioecetes (?), from a farmer of the beer-tax (cf. 106, introd.). The text is Εὐτύχῳ δι[οικητῇ χαίρειν.] Σοκονῶπις Παθῶ[. . . ἀπὸ κώμης?] Σεβεννύτου ἀδ[ικοῦμαι ὑπ' Ἀπολλωνίου τοῦ οἰκονομ[οῦντος τὴν Ἡρακλείδου μερίδα καὶ Διο[14 letters] ἐξέλαβον τὴν ζυ[τήραν τοῦ . . (ἔτους) ἀπὸ] Μεσορῆ ἕως [17 letters] . vos (δραχμῶν) ὡλ[15 letters κα]τεστη[. On the verso Εὐτύχῳ] παρὰ Σοκονῶπιος πρ[ὸς] Ἀπολλώνιον. For Mesore as the beginning of a financial year cf. note on 116. 3-4, and pp. 360-1. Written about B.C. 250.
134. Mummy A 4. 7.5 × 4.4 cm. Fragment of the beginning of a contract written between the 19th and 27th year of Philadelphus; cf. 94. 4-5, note. The text is Βασιλεῖον[τος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ] Πτολεμαίου[ν ἔτους . . ἐφ' ἱερέως 21 letters] Ἀλεξάνδρ[ον καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν κατηφόρου Ἀρσιωῆς Φιλα]δέλφου Φιλω[τέρας τῆς 30 letters] ἐν Ἀφροδίτῃ[s πόλει 31 letters] Ἀρμαῖος Αρ[.
135. Mummy A 4. Fr. (a) 9.5 × 4.4 cm. Two fragments of an account, containing a list of names and sums of money, each entry in Fr. (a) beginning with κε, i.e. the 25th of the month. The names Τεραῦς (ν corr. from s?) and Πετσαρμῶς occur. Written about B.C. 250. On the verso part of another account.
136. Mummy A 15. 10.5 × 8.8 cm. Receipt, having the same formula as 106, for 20 drachmae paid by Petosiris (cf. 137, 139, and 141), agent of Taëmbes, for ζυτηρά, 11 drachmae (δεκαμίαν) being on account of Pharmouthi, and 9 on account of Pachon, to Νικόλαος τρ(απεζίτης) and Στοτοήτις δο(κιμαστής) at Phebichis; cf. 106, introd. At the end are the signature of Dorion (παρόντος Δωρίωνος τὸ αὐτὸ (δραχμαὶ) εἴκοσι), and a line of demotic. Dated Pachon 13 of the 3rd year (of Euergetes), i.e. B.C. 244 (243). The writing is across the fibres. Practically complete. 9 lines.
137. Mummy A 15. 10.3 × 7 cm. A similar receipt for 18 drachmae χα(λκοῦ) εἰς κ . . (the figures are hopelessly effaced but were probably κδ (τέταρτον); cf. 106. 8) paid by Petosiris, agent of Taëmbes, for ζυτηρά on account of Pachon to Nicolaus and Stotoëtis; cf. 106, introd. At the end are the signature of Dorion and a line of demotic. Dated

Pachon 30 of the 3rd year (of Euergetes), i.e. B.C. 244 (243). The writing is across the fibres. Nearly complete, but much obliterated. 9 lines.

138. Mummy A 15. 9.7 × 7.5 cm. A similar receipt for 8 drachmae χρ(ακοῦ) εἰς κδ (τέταρτον) paid by Ἀρενδώτης, agent of Taëmbes, for ζυτηρά on account of Athur to Πάσων τραπεζίτης and Στοτοῆτις δοκιμαστής at Phebichis; cf. 106, introd. At the end are the signature of Dorion and a line of demotic. Dated on Athur 24 of the 2nd year (of Euergetes), i.e. B.C. 246 (245). Practically complete. 9 lines.
139. Mummy A 15. 9.5 × 6.3 cm. Another similar receipt for 9 drachmae of copper for ζυτηρά on account of Phaophi paid Ἡρακλείωι [τραπεζί]τηι καὶ Νικο[λάωι] δοκ[ιμαστή]ι at Phebichis by Petosiris, agent of Taëmbes, from Talaë; cf. 106, introd. At the end are the signature of Dorion and a line of demotic. Written across the fibres about B.C. 247. Incomplete, the beginnings of the first 5 lines being lost. 11 lines.
140. Mummy A 15. 15.7 × 8 cm. Another similar receipt for 19 dr. 5½ obols for ζυτηρά on account of Phaophi paid to Pason and Stotoëtis by Λίβυς, agent of Taëmbes; cf. 106, introd. At the end are the signature of Dorion and a line of demotic, and on the verso is a line of demotic. Dated on Athur 16 of the 2nd year (of Euergetes), i.e. B.C. 246 (245). Written across the fibres. Practically complete. 14 lines.
141. Mummy A 15. 11 × 6.7 cm. Another similar receipt for 15 dr. 3 ob. paid for ζυτηρά on account of Pachon by Petosiris, agent of Taëmbes, to Nicolaus and Stotoëtis; cf. 106, introd. At the end are the signature of Dorion and a line of demotic. Dated on Pachon 22 of the 3rd year (of Euergetes), i.e. B.C. 244 (243). Written across the fibres. Complete. 10 lines.
142. Mummy A 15. 11.1 × 6.7 cm. Another similar receipt for 12 dr. for ζυτηρά paid [Ἡρ]ακλείωι τραπεζίτηι καὶ [Ν]ικολάωι δοκιμαστήι; cf. 139 and 106, introd. At the end is the signature of Dorion and a line of demotic. Written across the fibres about B.C. 247. Nearly complete, but much obliterated. 10 lines.
143. Mummy A 15. 4.7 × 6.5 cm. Receipt for φυλακτικόν paid by a military settler probably at Phebichis, similar to 105. The text is (Ἔτους) 15 Μεσορῇ κγ. ὁμολογεῖ Ἡρακλείδης μεμετρηῆσθαι παρὰ Μενεκράτους Ἀρχῶν (cf. 105. 3, note) τὸ φυλακτικόν... The 16th year probably refers to Euergetes (B.C. 232-1 or 231-0). Incomplete, the end being lost. 5 lines.
144. Mummy A 15. 4.3 × 7.9 cm. Beginning of a notice of loss, similar to

- 36 and 37. Lines 1-4 (Ἔτους) ιη Παχ[ώνς . .] προσ[άγγε]λμα παρὰ Ἀμεννέω[ς] Ἀρμινύσει φυλακίτηι κώμης Τάλη (cf. 36. 3, note) ἀπολωλ[ε]κάμει (l. -κέναι; cf. 37. 5). The 18th year probably refers to Euergetes (B.C. 230-29 or 229-8). 5 lines.
145. Mummy A. Fr. (a) 4.8 × 9.3 cm. Seven fragments of a contract, of which one contains part of the protocol, [Βασιλεύοντος Πτολε]μαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαί[ου καὶ Ἀρσινόης θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν ἔτους] τρίτου (ἐφ') ἱερέως Ἀρχε[λάου τοῦ Δήμου? Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν] Ἀδελφῶν κατηφόρου Ἀρ[σινόης Φιλαδέλφου Ἀρσινόης?] τῆς Πολεμοκράτου(ς) μην[ὸς] Ἀρ[τεμισίου] . . . , i.e. B.C. 245-4 (244-3). The restorations of the priests' names are taken from Revillout's edition of dem. P. Louvre 2431 (*Chrest. dém.* pp. 265 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 7), where they are assigned to the 4th year; cf. p. 373. On the absence of the mention of the θεοὶ Εὐεργέται here cf. 171, which was written in the 5th year and mentions them, and p. 369.
146. Mummy 97. 11 × 9.4 cm. A much mutilated letter from Τίμανδρος, dated (ἔτους) λε Ὑπερβερεταίου καθ, Π[α]ῶπι καθ, i.e. B.C. 250 (249). On this double date cf. App. i. p. 341. 14 lines.
147. Mummy 5. 12.7 × 6 cm. Conclusion of a letter, of which the text is χειρογρ[α]φήσω, οὐ γὰρ διαπιστε[ύ]ουσιν ἡμῖν. Διουνσόδωρος δὲ οὐκ ἔστιν ἄδικος, ἀλλὰ σύντασσε [τοὺς] παρὰ σοὶ φύ[λα]κας φυλάσσειν καὶ προ[σ]έχειν ἵνα μ[ὴ] συμ[β]ῇ ἡμῖν πα . . .]θῆναι. On the verso are the beginnings of 3 lines, and on a detached fragment parts of 3 more. Early third century B.C.
148. Mummy 5. 5.3 × 24 cm. Fragment of a contract of apprenticeship. Lines 3-6 ἐ[ὰν] δέ τι κλέπτῳ . . .]μενος ἀλίσκῃται προσαποτεισά[τω] τὸ βλάβος δι[ε]πλοῦν, μὴ ἐξουσία δ' ἔστω Πόρωι μήτε ἀποκ[ο]ι[τε]ῖν μήτε ἀφημερε[ύειν] ἄνευ τῆς Ἐπι[μ]ένους γνώμης, εἰ δὲ μὴ ἀποτεισάτω τῆς μ[ὲν] ἡμέρας (τριώβολον) τῆς δὲ νυκτὸς . . .] ἐξουσία δ' ἔστω Ἐπιμένει ἔαμ μὴ ἀρεσ[κ] . . . Early third century B.C. 6 lines.
149. Mummy A. Fr. (a) 14 × 10.8 cm. Two fragments of an account, consisting of a series of names grouped under different days, with a few lines of another account in a different hand. The names Σουτωτλάγα, Δαλίσκος, Ὀρρημβῆς and Ὀπιεύς occur. Written about B.C. 250. On the verso parts of two much obliterated columns of a document.
150. Mummy 13. 15.1 × 9.5 cm. Duplicate of 85, written in a different hand, in B.C. 261 (260). Practically complete (but without the demotic note). 21 lines.
151. Mummy 13. 7.5 × 10.5 cm. Fragment of a letter, of which the text is μὴ παραγίνεσθαι ἀφ[. . .]κα Ἀπο[λ]λωνίδην τρυγῆσοντα τὸν ἀμπελῶνα. εἰ οὖν

τιν' ἐπιχώρησιν ποιεῖ ἐντυχέ ἐκείνῳ καταλάβησον, συντετάχαμεν γὰρ . . . Written about B. C. 250. 6 lines.

152. Mummy 98. 8.8 × 9.2 cm. Beginning of a letter, of which the text is Χαρικλῆς Μύσει χαίρειν. ἐμβαλοῦ εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἄλας καὶ λωτὸν ὅπως ἔχωσιν [οἱ] ναυπηγοί, καὶ πε[ρὶ] τῶν ξύλων ὧν ἐν[]. On the verso Μύσει. Written about B. C. 250. 6 lines.

153. Mummy 117. 10.7 × 10.2 cm. Account of sums collected by an agent of two government officials, beginning (Ἔτους) β Φαῶφι κθ, λόγος ἀργυρ[ο]ν τοῦ [λελο]γευμένου διὰ Ἀρενδώτην (l. -δώτου) τοῦ παρ[ὰ] Ἀγ[χ]ώφιος οἰκονόμου καὶ Πατβεῦν [τὸν β]ασ[ι]λικὸν γραμμ[α]τέα (l. Πατβεῦτος τοῦ βασιλικοῦ γραμματέως), followed by a list of six persons who pay 1 dr. or 3 obols. The 2nd year no doubt refers to Euergetes (B. C. 246 or 245). Written on the verso, the recto being blank. Nearly complete. 10 lines.

154. Mummy 117. 7.8 × 8.6 cm. A notice from Epichares to Chaeremon similar to 80, but with Πασῆς Ἀρ . . . in the place of Ὡρος Τεῶτος. Written probably in the 35th (revenue) year of Philadelphus (cf. 80. 5 and 13-4, note), i. e. B. C. 251-0. Nearly complete. 9 lines, of which the last two are demotic.

155. Mummy 117. 8.2 × 9 cm. Another similar notice from Epichares to Chaeremon, much mutilated. Dated in the 35th (revenue) year (of Philadelphus), Athur (B. C. 251). 7 lines, the demotic note being omitted.

156. Mummy 117. Fr. (a) 4.1 × 8.6 cm. Two fragments of an acknowledgment by a ναύκληρος similar to 98. The text is Fr. (a) τοῦ παρὰ τοῦ βασιλικοῦ γραμματέως ὥστε εἰς Ἀλεξά[ν]δρει[αν] εἰς τὸ βασιλικὸν κ[ρι]θῶν] (ἀρτάβας) ἐπτακισχιλίας πεντακο[σί]ας σίτον καθαρὸν κα[ὶ] ἄδο[λον] κε[κο]σκινευμένον (cf. 98. 11-4), Fr. (b) . . . ἀσκεμι . . . ἐσφραγισμ[εν] . . . , μέτ[ρω]ι καὶ σκυτάλη οἷς [αὐτὸς] ἠνέγκατο . . . (cf. 98. 20). Written about the 34th year of Philadelphus (B. C. 252-1 or 251-0).

157. Mummy 18. 4.7 × 16.1 cm. Parts of two columns of an account, of which the text is (Col. i) (Ἔτους) κβ. εἰσενήνοχα [εἰ]ς τὸν ἐν τῇ αὐλῇ [σ]ίτον ἐκ τοῦ ἰδίου σπόρου ὀλυ(ρῶν) (ἀρτάβας) οδ, [καὶ ?] ἐκ τοῦ ἱεροῦ ἃ συνήγαγεν . . . (Col. ii) (ἔτους) κβ. πα[ρὰ] . . .]σ . . . εἰσενήνοχα (πυρὸν) παρὰ (with]φιλο[. . . above the line) Πολέμωνος τοῦ ἐκ [Τα]λάους (cf. 36. 3, note) . . . The 22nd year refers to Philadelphus (B. C. 264-3 or 263-2). On the verso two lines of another account.

158. Mummy 18. 8.5 × 19 cm. Fragment of a letter or memorandum concerning wheat and olyra of the 32nd, 33rd, and 34th years (of Philadelphus). Written about B. C. 251. 10 lines, of which the last

four are complete. In the right-hand margin and on the verso is some effaced writing.

- 159.** Mummy 18. Breadth 7.2 cm. Three fragments of a letter from Zoilus to Plutarchus (cf. 63, introd.). Lines 6-10 σπέρμα?] ἅπαν ἐπικεκομμένον καὶ ἀχρεῖον, θανμάζω οὖν εἰ πιστεύεις. ἡμεῖς γὰρ ἐδώκαμεν . . . Addressed on the verso Πλο]ντάρχῳ. Written in the reign of Philadelphus, probably about B. C. 265.
- 160.** Mummy 10. 11 × 6.9 cm. Receipt issued to Clitarchus (cf. 66, introd.) for a money payment, of which the text is Ἡρακλεῶδωρος Κλειτάρχῳ χαίρειν. ἔχω παρὰ Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Νικολάου χαλκοῦ (δραχμᾶς) τριακοσίας τεσσαράκοντα. Addressed on the verso Κλειτάρχῳ. Written about B. C. 230. Apparently nearly complete. 8 lines.
- 161.** Mummy 10. 7.2 × 7 cm. Fragment of a letter to Clitarchus similar to 69. The text is] Κλειτάρχῳ χαίρειν. παραγίνου τῇ κθ τοῦ Φαμενῶθ . . . Written about B. C. 230. 4 lines.
- 162.** Mummy 10. Fr. (a) 24.5 × 8.7 cm. Two fragments of another letter to Clitarchus, concluding τῆς ἀποχῆς τῶν Ἀ (δραχμῶν) ὧν ἀναφέρεις δεδωκὼς εἰς ἐπισκευὴν ἵπποτροφιῶν, καὶ μὴ ἄλλως ποιήσης. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) ιθ Παῦν[ι. (B. C. 228 or 227.)
- 163.** Mummy 10. 8.2 × 7.9 cm. Conclusion of a letter to Clitarchus similar to 70 (a) and (b), ending περὶ κώμην Τιμοινεθύμιν τοῦ Ἡρακλεοπολίτου (δραχμῶν) κ κ' (i. e. εἰκοστῇν) (δραχμῇν) α. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) ιη Ἀθῶρ κ (B. C. 230 or 229). Cf. 70 (a), introd. 6 lines.
- 164.** Mummy 10. 16.3 × 8 cm. A demotic document of 9 lines, below which is Κόβας Ψιντεσωῦτος (δραχμαὶ?) ρ . , Πετοσίρει (εἰ corr. from ιος) καὶ Θεοτορταῶι. Written about B. C. 230.
- 165.** Mummy 10. 13.3 × 7.7 cm. Receipt, similar to 103, from Apollonides to Εὐπόλεμος, acknowledging the payment of 11½ artabae of wheat (probably for φυλακτικόν and ἱατρικόν) from Στράτιος on behalf of Diodorus, paid through Eupolis κωμο(γραμματεὺς). Dated Phaophi 11 of the 16th year (of Euergetes), i. e. B. C. 232 (231). Nearly complete. 8 lines.
- 166.** Mummy A 9. 19 × 10.2 cm. Duplicate of 119, written about B. C. 260. Nearly complete. 23 lines. On the verso part of another account.
- 167.** Mummy A 9. 4 × 7.6 cm. Beginning of a letter from Demophon to Ptolemaeus (cf. 51, introd.), of which the text is Δημοφῶν Πτολεμαίῳ χαίρειν. ἀνάγαγε μετὰ Ἀρμιύσιος τοῦ ἀπὸ [τ]οῦ Ἰσιείου φυ(λακίτου) καὶ μετὰ Ἀλεξάνδρου τοῦ ἐκ Ταλαῶ τὰ Πρωτογένους καὶ Γάστρωνος πρόβατα πάντα εἰς . . . Written about B. C. 245. 7 lines.

- 168.** Mummy A 9. 6 × 28 cm. Another letter from Demophon to Ptolemaeus ordering him to send a herdsman; cf. 59. The text is Δημοφῶν Πτολεμαίῳ χαίρειν. Ἀρμῖς[ιν about 20 letters νέ]μοντα τὰ Καρνεάδου τοῦ λογευτοῦ πρόβατα ὥς ἂν ἀναγν[ῶις τὴν ἐπιστολὴν ἀπόστειλον] εἰς Ὀξύρυγχων πόλιν μετὰ φυλακῆς. συντέταχεν γὰρ Ἀμμώνιος ὁ οἰκονόμ[ος] διὰ τὸ [.] τινα αὐτῷ 55 effaced letters [.] καὶ τοῦτο ὅπως μὴ παρέργως ἔσται, ἀλλὰ ἅμα ἡμέραι πάρεχε[ι αὐτόν.] ἔρρωσ[ο]. Written across the fibres about B.C. 245. Incomplete. 6 lines.
- 169.** Mummy A 9. 6 × 14.2 cm. Part of a letter to some officials with regard to the collection of money-taxes, mentioning οἰκονομοῦντος τὴν κάτω τοπαρχίαν (sc. of the Oxyrhynchite nome). Dated Thoth 8 of the 31st (?) year (of Philadelphus) (B.C. 255 or 254). The writing is across the fibres. 5 lines, of which about half is preserved.
- 170.** Mummy A 9. 15 × 11.8 cm. Conclusion of a letter, ending φρόντισον δὲ ὅπως μηκέτι ἀπὸ τούτων παρακούσει ἡμῶν ἵνα μὴ ἀντὶ φιλίας ἔχθραν [ποῶ]μεθα. τούτου γὰρ οὐνεκεν πρὸ πολλοῦ σοι γράφω. ἔρρωσο. (ἔτους) λθ Θωὺθ ιη (B.C. 247). 12 lines.
- 171.** Mummy A. 6.1 × 12.5 cm. Beginning of a contract written in B.C. 243–2 (242–1), of which the text is Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου καὶ Ἀρσινόης θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν (ἔτους) εἰς ἱερέως Ἀριστοβούλου τοῦ Διοδότου Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν καὶ θεῶν Εὐεργετῶν κανηφόρου Ἀρσινόης [Φιλαδέλφου] Ἰαμνέας τῆς Ὑπὸ . . . [.] μηνὸς Λωίο[υ] ἐν Ἡρακ[λέους πόλει]. This is the earliest instance of the association of the θεοὶ Εὐεργέται with Alexander and the θεοὶ Ἀδελφοί; cf. 145, where the θεοὶ Εὐεργέται are not yet mentioned in a papyrus of the 3rd year, and p. 369. The writing is across the fibres.

36 and 37. Lines 1-4 (Ἔτους) ιη Παχ[ών] . . . προσ[άγγε]λμα παρὰ Ἀμεννώω[ς] Ἀρμύσει φυλακίτη κώμης Τάλη (cf. 36. 3, note) ἀπολωλ[ε]κάμει (l. -κέναι; cf. 37. 5). The 18th year probably refers to Euergetes (B. C. 230-29 or 229-8). 5 lines.

145. Mummy A. Fr. (a) 4.8 × 9.3 cm. Seven fragments of a contract, of which one contains part of the protocol, [Βασιλεύοντος Πτολε]μαίου τοῦ Πτολεμα[ίου καὶ Ἀρσινόης θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν ἔτους] τρίτου (ἐφ') ἱερέως Ἀρχε[λάου τοῦ Δήμου? Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν κανηφόρου Ἀρ[σινόης Φιλαδέλφου Ἀρσινόης?] τῆς Πολεμοκράτου(ς) μην[ὸ]ς Ἀρ[τεμισίου] . . . , i. e. B. C. 245-4 (244-3). The restorations of the priests' names are taken from Revillout's edition of dem. P. Louvre 2431 (*Chrest. dém.* pp. 265 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 7), where they are assigned to the 4th year; cf. p. 373. On the absence of the mention of the θεοὶ Εὐεργέται here cf. 171, which was written in the 5th year and mentions them, and p. 369.
146. Mummy 97. 11 × 9.4 cm. A much mutilated letter from Τίμανδρος, dated (ἔτους) λε Ὑπερβερεταίου καθ, Π[α]ῶπι καθ, i. e. B. C. 250 (249). On this double date cf. App. i. p. 341. 14 lines.
147. Mummy 5. 12.7 × 6 cm. Conclusion of a letter, of which the text is χειρογρ[α]φήσω, οὐ γὰρ διαπιστέ[υ]ουσιν ἡμῖν. Διουνσόδωρος δὲ οὐκ ἔστιν ἄδικο[ς, ἀλλ]ὰ σύντασσε [τοὺς] παρὰ σοὶ φ[ύ]λακας φυλάσσειν καὶ προσ[τ]έχειν ἵνα μ[ὴ] συμ[β]ῇ ἡμῖν πα . . . θῆναι. On the verso are the beginnings of 3 lines, and on a detached fragment parts of 3 more. Early third century B. C.
148. Mummy 5. 5.3 × 24 cm. Fragment of a contract of apprenticeship. Lines 3-6 ἐὰν δέ τι κλέπτω]μενος ἀλίσκῃται προσαποτεισά[τω τὸ βλάβος δι]πλοῦν, μὴ ἐξουσία δ' ἔστω Πόρωι μήτε ἀποκ[ο]ιτ[εῖ]ν μήτε ἀφημερε[ύειν] ἀνευ τῆς Ἐπι[μ]ένους γνώμης, εἰ δὲ μὴ ἀποτεισάτω τῆς μ[ὲν ἡ]μέρας (τριώβολον) τῆς δὲ ν[υ]κτὸς . . . ἐξουσία δ' ἔστω Ἐπιμένει ἐὰμ μὴ ἀρεσ[κ] . . . Early third century B. C. 6 lines.
149. Mummy A. Fr. (a) 14 × 10.8 cm. Two fragments of an account, consisting of a series of names grouped under different days, with a few lines of another account in a different hand. The names Σοντωτλάγα, Δαλίσκος, Ὀρρομβῆς and Ὀπιεύς occur. Written about B. C. 250. On the verso parts of two much obliterated columns of a document.
150. Mummy 13. 15.1 × 9.5 cm. Duplicate of 85, written in a different hand, in B. C. 261 (260). Practically complete (but without the demotic note). 21 lines.
151. Mummy 13. 7.5 × 10.5 cm. Fragment of a letter, of which the text is μὴ παραγίνεσθαι ἀφ[. . .] κα Ἀπ[ο]λλωνίδην τρυγήσοντα τὸν ἀμπελῶνα. εἰ οὖν

τιν' ἐπιχώρησιν ποιεῖ ἔντυχς ἐκείνῳ καταλάλησον, συντετάχαμεν γὰρ . . . Written about B. C. 250. 6 lines.

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on our Table; cf. p. 345. In these Tubi 12 corresponds to Gorpiaeus 28, but Tubi 13 of the same year to Gorpiaeus 30. As Dittenberger has pointed out (*Orient. Gr. Inscr.* I. p. 650), it is probable that there is here no inconsistency, and that the last day of a month containing only 29 days was called the 30th. Since Gorpiaeus is the 11th month of the Macedonian year, it is most likely that the months with 29 days were the 1st, 3rd, 5th, &c., rather than, as Strack supposes, the 2nd, 4th, 6th, &c. If the 29th day was omitted in months with 29 days, the mention of Peritius 29 in P. Petrie III. 21 (*b*). 8 and of Hyperberetaeus 29 in 146 indicates that these months (the 4th and 12th) had 30 days. A year of 360 days seems to be implied by 28. 20-1; but this is not likely to be connected with the Macedonian year.

Assuming therefore an Egyptian year of 365 days and a Macedonian year of 354, we have, at Professor Smyly's suggestion, constructed a chronological table of correspondences, which shows the days of the Egyptian months on which the 1st of each Macedonian month would, apart from intercalations, fall in every instance of a double date by both calendars. This Table much more clearly than a mere list of the double dates exhibits the variations which took place between any two points, and illustrates at a glance both the general tendency of the Macedonian months to lose, i. e. fall later in the Egyptian year, and the occasional instances in which this tendency is reversed, and the Macedonian year moves from one point to another more rapidly than the Egyptian. Since the Macedonian year was apart from intercalations 11 days shorter than the Egyptian, it would, if left to itself, gain this amount each year. The fact that on the contrary it tended to lose shows that intercalations were so frequent and so far in excess of the 11 days required to restore the balance between it and the Egyptian year, that the average length of the Macedonian year was more than 365 days. How the number of days to be intercalated was determined, and at what point or points they were inserted in the Macedonian year is involved in much obscurity. Papyri give surprisingly little help on the subject, the only reference to intercalation in the Macedonian calendar being in P. Petrie III. 22 (*f*). 2, where *μηνὸς ἐμβολίου* apparently indicates that a whole month had been inserted. But that intercalation of a whole month in the Macedonian calendar was not uncommon is shown by the story (Plutarch, *Vit. Alex.* 16) concerning Alexander who, in order to satisfy the religious objections of some of his soldiers to fighting in Daisius, inserted a second Artemisius. This, as Smyly remarks, seems to imply not only that the Macedonians inserted a whole month at a time, but that they called the intercalated month by the name of the preceding month; for unless such intercalation had been customary, Alexander could hardly have quieted the

superstition of his followers. Unfortunately, however, the hypothesis of intercalations of months of 29 or 30 days even at irregular intervals is not sufficient by itself to account for all the relations between the Egyptian and Macedonian months established by the evidence, and it is necessary to postulate the existence of other, at present unknown, disturbing elements which caused the Macedonian years to vary in length.

The Macedonian year being so uncertain, it must be remembered that in each column of our Table the correspondences for which there is no direct evidence are only meant to be approximate, and that the chances of error owing to the presence of intercalations increase the further the supposed correspondences in the year move away from the known correspondence. The months in which the correspondence is directly attested are in each column of the Table distinguished from the others by being printed in italics. Where the reign is not actually given and cannot be inferred with complete certainty, it is enclosed in brackets. The queries after some of the months in italics mean either that the reading of the month is not certain, or that there are special grounds for suspecting an error in the correspondence. That errors have crept into the extant double dates is, considering the complicated system of two independent calendars, unfortunately only too likely; but the hypothesis of a mistake is, as a rule, only to be resorted to in the last extremity. In the case of no. (23), however, which almost certainly falls within the period of the first assimilation of the two calendars, a correction of the reading or interpretation of a group of hieroglyphic signs is necessary, and we have placed the wrong series of correspondences in brackets after the right ones. Where, as in nos. (2), (20), (30), and perhaps (4), double dates mention two months but only one day, which uniformly follows the Egyptian month, we have not assumed that the writer intended to imply that the number of the day of the Macedonian month was the same; cf. the discussion of no. (2). Still less is there any justification for supposing in the correspondences of Egyptian and Macedonian months in which no days are mentioned at all, nos. (3), (11), (12), and (15), that these months exactly coincided. That such correspondences were not intended to be more than approximate is in itself far more likely, and is indicated not only by the evidence of nos. (12) and (15) but still more clearly by P. Magd. 32, where *Δαίσιον Αἰγυπτίων* δὲ Ἀθύρ occurs in l. 4 of the petition, while in the docket on the verso *Daisius* 27 = *Athur* 29. Hence in the Table the figures of the days are purposely omitted in connexion with those two classes of double dates.

From the Egyptian calendar year of 12 months and 365 days beginning on Thoth 1 and the Macedonian year of 12 months and 354 days (with an uncertain number of intercalary days in addition) beginning on Dios 1, must

| No. . . . | (1) Alex. (B. C. 323) | (2) Philad. 22 | (3) Philad. 27 | (4) Philad. 29 | (5) Philad. 35 | (6) Philad. 36 | (7) Euerg. 9 |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Dius | 14 Meso. | Thot. | Phao. | Phao. | 12 Athu. | 3 Athu. | 12 Choi. |
| 1 Apellaeus . . | 8 Thot. | Phao. | Athu. | Athu. | 11 Choi. | 2 Choi. | 11 <i>Tubi</i> |
| 1 Audnaeus . . | 8 Phao. | Athu. | Choi. | Choi. | 11 <i>Tubi</i> | 2 <i>Tubi</i> | 11 Mech. |
| 1 Peritius . . . | 7 Athu. | Choi. | <i>Tubi</i> | <i>Tubi</i> | 10 Mech. | 1 Mech. | 10 Pham. |
| 1 Dystrus . . . | 7 Choi. | <i>Tubi</i> | Mech. | Mech. | 10 Pham. | 1 Pham. | 10 Phar. |
| 1 Xandicus . . | 6 <i>Tubi</i> | <i>Mech. (?)</i> | Pham. | Pham. | 9 Phar. | 30 Pham. | 9 Pach. |
| 1 Artemisius . . | 6 Mech. | Pham. | Phar. | Phar. | 9 Pach. | 30 Phar. | 9 Paun. |
| 1 Daisius . . . | 5 Pham. | Phar. | Pach. | Pach. | 8 Paun. | 29 <i>Pach.</i> | 8 Epei. |
| 1 Panemus . . . | 5 <i>Phar. (?)</i> | Pach. | Paun. | Paun. | 8 Epei. | 29 Paun. | 8 Meso. |
| 1 Loius | 4 Pach. | Paun. | Epei. | Epei. | 7 Meso. | 28 Epei. | 2 Thot. |
| 1 Gorpiaeus . . | 4 Paun. | Epei. | <i>Meso.</i> | <i>Meso.</i> | 2 Thot. | 28 Meso. | 2 Phao. |
| 1 Hyperberetaeus | 3 Epei. | Meso. | Thot. | Thot. | 1 <i>Phao.</i> | 22 Thot. | 1 Athu. |

| No. . . . | (16) Philop. 1 | (17) Philop. 4 | (18) Philop. 4 | (19) (Philop. ?) 9 | (20) Epiph. 4 | (21) Epiph. 9 |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Dius | 25 Mech. | 12 Phar. | 22 <i>Pham.</i> | 18 Pach. | Pach. | 18 Thot. |
| 1 Apellaeus . . | 24 Pham. | 11 Pach. | 21 Phar. | 17 Paun. | Paun. | 17 Phao. |
| 1 Audnaeus . . | 24 Phar. | 11 Paun. | 21 Pach. | 17 Epei. | <i>Epei.</i> | 17 Athu. |
| 1 Peritius . . . | 23 Pach. | 10 Epei. | 20 Paun. | 16 Meso. | Meso. | 16 Choi. |
| 1 Dystrus . . . | 23 Paun. | 10 Meso. | 20 Epei. | 11 Thot. | Thot. | 16 <i>Tubi</i> |
| 1 Xandicus . . | 22 Epei. | 4 Thot. | 19 Meso. | 10 Phao. | Phao. | 15 <i>Mech.</i> |
| 1 Artemisius . . | 22 Meso. | 4 Phao. | 14 Thot. | 10 Athu. | Athu. | 15 Pham. |
| 1 Daisius . . . | 16 Thot. | 3 <i>Athu. (?)</i> | 13 Phao. | 9 Choi. | Choi. | 14 Phar. |
| 1 Panemus . . . | 16 Phao. | 3 Choi. | 13 Athu. | 9 <i>Tubi</i> | <i>Tubi</i> | 14 Pach. |
| 1 Loius | 15 Athu. | 2 <i>Tubi</i> | 12 Choi. | 8 Mech. | Mech. | 13 Paun. |
| 1 Gorpiaeus . . | 15 Choi. | 2 Mech. | 12 <i>Tubi</i> | 8 Pham. | Pham. | 13 Epei. |
| 1 Hyperberetaeus | 14 <i>Tubi</i> | 1 Pham. | 11 Mech. | 7 <i>Phar.</i> | Phar. | 12 Meso. |

| (8) (Eurg.) ? | (9) (Eurg.) 16 | (10) Eurg. 21 | (11) (Eurg.) ? | (12) (Eurg.) ? | (13) Eurg. 25 | (14) Eurg. 25 | (15) Eurg. 25-6 |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 19 Tubi | 18 Mech. | 6 Mech. | Tubi | Pham. | 28 Mech. | (27) Mech. | Mech. |
| 18 Mech. | 17 Pham. | 5 Pham. | Mech. | Phar. | 27 Pham. | (26) Pham. | Pham. |
| 18 Pham. | 17 Phar. | 5 Phar. | Pham. | Pach. | 27 Phar. | (26) <i>Phar.</i> | Phar. |
| 17 Phar. | 16 Pach. | 4 Pach. | Phar. | <i>Paun.</i> | 26 Pach. | (25) Pach. | Pach. |
| 17 Pach. | 16 Paun. | 4 <i>Paun.</i> | <i>Pach. (?)</i> | <i>Epei.</i> | 26 Paun. | (25) Paun. | Paun. |
| 16 Paun. | 15 Epei. | 3 Epei. | Paun. | <i>Meso.</i> | 25 Epei. | (24) Epei. | <i>Epei.</i> |
| 16 Epei. | 15 Meso. | 3 Meso. | Epei. | Thot. | 25 Meso. | (24) Meso. | Meso. |
| 15 Meso. | 9 Thot. | 2 Epag. | Meso. | Phao. | 19 Thot. | (18) Thot. | Thot. |
| 10 <i>Thot.</i> | 9 Phao. | 27 Thot. | Thot. | Athu. | 19 Phao. | (18) Phao. | Phao. |
| 9 Phao. | 8 Athu. | 26 Phao. | Phao. | Choi. | 18 Athu. | (17) Athu. | Athu. |
| 9 Athu. | 8 <i>Choi.</i> | 26 Athu. | Athu. | Tubi | 18 <i>Choi.</i> | (17) Choi. | Choi. |
| 8 Choi. | 7 Tubi | 25 Choi. | Choi. | Mech. | 17 Tubi | (16) Tubi | Tubi |

| (22) (Epiph.) 18 | (23) Epiph. 23 | (24) Epiph. 24 | (25-8) Philom. 2, 5, 8, 16 | (29) (Philom.) 18 | (30) Philom. 24 | (31) (Philom.?) 26 | (32) Eurg. II. 53 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Pach. | 1 Pach. (1 Paun.) | 1 Pach. | 1 <i>Pach.</i> | 24 Pach. | Phar. | 3 Pach. | 1 Thot. |
| 1 Paun. | 1 Paun. (1 Epei.) | 1 Paun. | 1 <i>Paun.</i> | 23 Paun. | Pach. | 2 Paun. | 1 Phao. |
| 1 <i>Epei.</i> | 1 Epei. (1 Meso.) | 1 Epei. | 1 Epei. | 23 Epei. | Paun. | 2 Epei. | 1 Athu. |
| 1 Meso. | 1 Meso. (1 Thot.) | 1 Meso. | 1 Meso. | 22 <i>Meso.</i> | <i>Epei. (?)</i> | 1 Meso. | 1 Choi. |
| 1 Thot. | 1 Thot. (1 Phao.) | 1 <i>Thot.</i> | 1 Thot. | 17 Thot. | Meso. | 1 Epag. | 1 Tubi |
| 1 Phao. | 1 Phao. (1 Athu.) | 1 Phao. | 1 Phao. | 16 Phao. | Thot. | 25 <i>Thot.</i> | 1 <i>Mech.</i> |
| 1 Athu. | 1 Athu. (1 Choi.) | 1 Athu. | 1 <i>Athu.</i> | 16 Athu. | Phao. | 25 Phao. | 1 Pham. |
| 1 Choi. | 1 Choi. (1 Tubi) | 1 Choi. | 1 Choi. | 15 Choi. | Athu. | 24 Athu. | 1 Phar. |
| 1 Tubi | 1 Tubi (1 Mech.) | 1 Tubi | 1 Tubi | 15 Tubi | Choi. | 24 Choi. | 1 Pach. |
| 1 Mech. | 1 Mech. (1 Pham.) | 1 Mech. | 1 <i>Mech.</i> | 14 Mech. | Tubi | 23 Tubi | 1 Paun. |
| 1 Pham. | 1 Pham. (1 <i>Phar.</i>) | 1 Pham. | 1 Pham. | 14 Pham. | Mech. | 23 Mech. | 1 Epei. |
| 1 Phar. | 1 Phar. (1 Pach.) | 1 Phar. | 1 Phar. | 13 Phar. | Pham. | 22 Pham. | 1 Meso. |

be carefully distinguished the years of the king's reign, which were with the apparent exception of the rare use of eras (cf. 84 (b)) the only kind of years employed for dating purposes. It has been shown by Professor Smyly (*Hermathena*, X. xxv. p. 432) from two Petrie papyri of Euergetes I's reign dated (ἔτους) ια ὥς δ' αἱ πρόσοδοι (ἔτους) ιβ (cf. p. 359) that at any rate in the earlier Ptolemaic period two different systems of reckoning the king's years were in vogue. All that is quite certain about them is that one was employed for revenue purposes (ὥς αἱ πρόσοδοι), and that when the two systems occur together the figure of the revenue year was sometimes larger by one than the figure of the other, which we may call the 'regnal' year. Smyly is, we think, right in identifying the 'revenue' year with the Egyptian vague year of 365 days beginning with Thoth 1, the balance of days between the king's accession and the following Thoth 1 being reckoned, in accordance with ancient custom, as his 1st year. The starting-point and length of the 'regnal' year are still quite uncertain, and in addition to the revenue and regnal years found in connexion with the Egyptian months there may have been yet another system of reckoning the king's years employed in connexion with the Macedonian months. These intricate questions are discussed in App. ii.

How far the revenue year penetrated into common use in the third and second centuries B. C. is a question which at present cannot be decided. It is noteworthy that even in papyri concerning the revenue administration the revenue year is by no means always found (cf. pp. 360-1); and it is probable that, down to the reign of Epiphanes at any rate, the regnal year was more often employed in dating ordinary documents than the revenue year. There is not a single instance among the dates in our Table in which the king's year is known for certain to be a revenue year; and, since only nos. (3), (4), (6) and (9) occur in documents concerned with the revenues, the presumption with regard to the third century B. C. instances is that in most or possibly even all of them either the regnal or some kind of Macedonian year is meant by the year of the reigning sovereign. This distinction of the regnal from the revenue year, however, does not greatly affect our Table except in the case of dates such as (5) and (6), (13), (14) and (16), (17), and (18), which are close together; but owing to the inevitable complications which surround the conversion of Ptolemaic dates into dates on the Julian calendar (cf. p. 367), we have generally avoided converting the dates in our Table into years B. C. except where the question is of particular importance.

Notes on the Table of Correspondences.

(1) The day of Alexander's death, which took place in B.C. 323, is given by Aristobulus *ap. Plutarch, Vita Alex.* 75 as Daisius 30, by the royal *ἐφημερίδες* (Plutarch, *op. cit.* 76) as Daisius 28 (τρίτη φθίνοντος), and by Cod. A of Pseudo-Callisthenes (Müller, *Anhang zu Arrian*, 151) as Pharmouthi 4; cf. Strack's note (*Rhein. Mus.* liii. pp. 416-7). Apart from the questions whether these dates are to be trusted, and how the two conflicting statements found in Plutarch are to be reconciled, it is quite possible that on the establishment of the Ptolemaic regime some modifications were introduced into the Macedonian calendar, and since B.C. 323 falls outside the period with which we are immediately concerned, there is no need to bring this double date into line with those following. But it is worth noting that the correspondence of the two calendars in B.C. 323, which results from the equation of Daisius 30 to Pharmouthi 4, is only different by two months from their correspondence 65 years later found in (3); and the hypothesis that the Macedonian year had in the interval moved the whole way round the Egyptian year (as it nearly does between the 27th year of Philadelphus and the 9th of Epiphanes) is vetoed by 84 (a). Line 6 of that papyrus, written about B.C. 300, indicates that Panemus, the month in which a payment is to be made from the new corn-harvest, then corresponded to Pharmouthi, Pachon or Pauni, an equation which agrees remarkably closely with the correspondences of Panemus with Pharmouthi in B.C. 323, and with Pauni and Epeiph in the latter part of Philadelphus' reign, as shown by nos. (3), and (4); cf. 86. 3, note. It is fairly certain that between B.C. 300 and the middle of Philadelphus' reign the general tendency of the Macedonian months to fall later in the Egyptian year was less marked than in the rest of the third century B.C., and that Soter was more successful than the next three Ptolemies in making the Macedonian year approximately keep pace with the Egyptian. Hence it is not unreasonable to suppose that between B.C. 323 and 300 the average length of the Macedonian year was also maintained at approximately 365 days, though for the reasons stated above we do not wish to lay any stress on the double dates of Alexander's death.

(2) 92. 6 μηνὸς Ξανδικ[ο]ῦ Αἰγυπτίων μην[ὸ]ς Μεχ[ί]ρ τεσσαρεσκαίδεκάτῃ in the 22nd year of Philadelphus. The decipherment of the Egyptian month is very doubtful (cf. note *ad loc.*), but in view of the correspondence of Xandicus with Phamenoth only 5 years later Mecheir would be expected, and no satisfactory alternative reading suggests itself. Με[σο]ρῇ τῇ in place of μην[ὸ]ς Μεχ[ί]ρ would necessitate the inference that in these 5 years the Macedonian year gained or lost as

much as 6 months in relation to the Egyptian, a change far more rapid than even that which took place in the reign of Philopator; cf. nos. (18) and (21). But not much reliance can be placed upon this double date until fresh evidence is discovered for the relation of the two calendars about the 22nd year. The omission of the number of the day of the Macedonian month probably does not indicate that it was the same as that of the Egyptian month, i.e. the 14th. The day of the month is often omitted in the dates of early Ptolemaic contracts, e.g. 84 (a) and 85; and in most of the instances in which the day is only given once, nos. (2) and perhaps (4), and the undeciphered protocol of the papyrus discussed in connexion with nos. (11) and (15), there is no independent reason for thinking the days of the two months coincided. It is also significant that in nos. (24)–(28), when the two calendars were temporarily assimilated and the days of the Macedonian and Egyptian months coincided throughout the year, the day of the Macedonian month as well as that of the Egyptian is given in each of those five instances. Even after the final assimilation of the two calendars in the reign of Euergetes II there is as yet no example earlier than the reign of Ptolemy Alexander (P. Leyden O) of a single mention of the day doing duty for both the Macedonian and Egyptian months. With regard to (30) there is some reason for supposing that the day applies to both months, though the inference is far from certain. The only case in which there are really strong grounds for thinking that the number of the day of the Macedonian month, though not stated, coincided with that of the Egyptian month is no. (20), which is almost certainly a remarkably early instance of the use of the assimilated Macedonian calendar introduced by Philopator or Epiphanes. But it would be highly unsafe to generalize from these two examples, which both belong to a period when as regards the Macedonian calendar the conditions were quite different from those which prevailed, so far as is known, until after the 4th year of Philopator.

(3) Rev. Laws lvii. 4–5 = lix. 3–4 μηνὸς Γορπιαίου τοῦ [. . . Αἰ]γυπτίων Μεσορή; cf. Fr. 6 (c). 9–10, where, as Wilcken (*Ost.* I. p. 782) suggests, μηνὸς Δύσ[τρον] was probably equated in the same way to μηνὸς Μεχίρ. The year in which Rev. Laws were written was the 27th of Philadelphus, and probably that is the year to which these double dates refer (it was most likely stated in the lacuna after Γορπιαίου τοῦ; but possibly in the case of one or both of them the 28th year may be meant). From the fact that Gorpiaeus and Dystrus are equated to Mesore and Mecheir respectively it must not be inferred that the correspondence was exact, for nos. (12) and (15) clearly show that when the days are omitted the equations are only approximate, and it is very unlikely that if the days in the two calendars at this period were the same in one month,

they would continue to be precisely the same several months later. To suppose that an exact correspondence was maintained throughout a whole year before the first assimilation of the two calendars introduced in the time of Philopator or Epiphanes is so much at variance with the evidence as to be out of the question.

(4) P. Leyden I. 379, a docket on a demotic contract dated in Tubi of the 29th year of Philadelphus, where 1. (ἔτους) καθ' Περιτίου (ἔτους) καθ' Τῦβι (so Smyly from a photograph). The date is generally quoted incorrectly as (ἔτους) καθ' Περιτίου καθ' Τῦβι β, but the figure, if any, after Τῦβι is wholly uncertain, and between Περιτίου and καθ' the sign for (ἔτους) is repeated. The day of the month was therefore not given more than once, if at all, so that the only safe inference to be drawn is that Peritius approximately corresponded to Tubi in the 29th year. This gives the same equation as that found in (3) for the 27th, and shows that no considerable change in the relation of the two calendars had taken place in the interval.

(5) 146 (ἔτους) λε' Ὑπερβερεταίου καθ' Π[α]ῶπι καθ', the reign being certainly that of Philadelphus. In the interval of 6 years between this and (4) the Macedonian year had lost in reference to the Egyptian to the extent of a number of days which is not likely to exceed 30, since in the 29th year Hyperberetaeus probably coincided in part with Thoth.

(6) 77. 8 (ἔτους) λς' Ἀρτεμισίου κυ Παχῶν καθ', the reign being certainly that of Philadelphus. This date is particularly instructive, because it is the earliest of several exceptions to the general tendency of the Macedonian year to revolve at a slower rate than the Egyptian. In the interval between (5) and (6), which may be either 7 months or 1 year and 7 months or 2 years and 7 months (the uncertainties with regard to the use of regnal and revenue years have to be reckoned with; cf. App. ii), the Macedonian year had gained about 9 days at the expense of the Egyptian. This circumstance fits in very well with the view (cf. p. 334) that the Macedonian year, when not subjected to intercalation, was shorter by some days than the Egyptian. If the Macedonian year when left to itself contained $365-9 = 356$ days, the absence of any intercalation at all between the dates of (5) and (6) might, on the assumption that those documents were written in successive Macedonian years, bring about the correspondence found in (6); on the supposition, which is on general grounds more probable, that it contained 354 days, there remains a difference of two days ($11-9 = 2$) to be accounted for by intercalation in the Macedonian year or otherwise.

(6 a) Unpublished Tebtunis papyrus (Mummy 8) (ἔτους) η' Γορπιαίου β [Φ]αῶφι ζ. This double date was deciphered by Smyly too late to be included in our Table. The reign is no doubt that of Euergetes, for the correspondence implied by (6 a) only differs by four days from that implied by (7), which was written in

his 9th year. In the 8th year of Euergetes therefore the approximate dates for the beginnings of the Macedonian months are Dios 1 = Choiak 16; Apellaeus 1 = Tubi 15; Audnaeus 1 = Mecheir 15; Peritius 1 = Phamenoth 14; Dystrus 1 = Pharmouthi 14; Xandicus 1 = Pachon 13; Artemisius 1 = Pauni 13; Daisius 1 = Epeiph 12; Panemus 1 = Mesore 12; Loius 1 = Thoth 6; Gorpiaeus 1 = *Phaophi* 6; Hyperberetaeus 1 = Athur 5. In the interval of 10 years between (6) and (6*a*) the Macedonian year had lost about 43 days, which indicates that the intercalations had been larger than those in the period before the middle of Philadelphus' reign, but much smaller than those in the next 7 years of Euergetes; cf. (1) and (9).

(7) Canopus Inscr. l. 3 *μηνὸς Ἀπελλαίου ἐβδόμῃ Αἰγυπτίων δὲ Τῦβι ἑπτακαίδεκάτῃ* in the 9th year of Euergetes. As in the case of (5) and (6), which are separated only by a short interval, the Macedonian year had gained 9 days instead of losing, so here a comparison of (7) with (6*a*) shows that the Macedonian year had gained 4 days in the interval, which may be 3 months, 1 year and 3 months, or 2 years and 3 months.

(8) P. Petrie I. 24 (1) *Δαισίου κγ Θωὺθ β*. As will be seen from the Table, the most suitable place for this third century date is between the 10th and 15th years of Euergetes; but between the 16th year and the 21st the Macedonian year regained some of the days which it had lost, and if the correspondence implied by (11) ever took place and occurred between the 16th and 25th years, (8) may also belong to that period. This is however less probable; cf. our remarks on (11).

(9) P. Petrie III. 53 (s). 13-4 (*ἔτους*) 15 *Γορπιαίου δ Χοίαχ ια*. The reign is probably that of Euergetes. In the 7 years therefore which had elapsed between (7) and (9) the Macedonian year had lost 66 days.

(10) P. Petrie III. 21 (g). 11 (*ἔτους*) κα *Δύστρ[ο]ν 15 Παῦνι ιθ*, the reign being certainly that of Euergetes. The reading of the second figure of the year is not certain. It is more like β, but in l. 11 of the fragmentary second copy of 21 (g) κα is clear, so that it is safer to adopt the 21st year, especially as the figures of the reign at the beginning of the papyrus in l. 1 are probably κβ, not κε, and the date in l. 11 occurs in a quotation from an older document. In the interval of about 5 years between (9) and (10) the Macedonian years instead of losing had gained 12 days. This marked exception to their usual tendency is more striking than the three similar instances in nos. (6), (7), and (16), which are separated by probably less than two years from nos. (5), (6*a*), and (14) respectively.

(11) In Fr. (a) of an unpublished Tebtunis papyrus (Mummy 107), partly deciphered by Professor Smyly, *Δύστρου Αἰγυπτίων Παχώ(ν)ς* occurs in a contract.

This long papyrus is in several pieces, of which the order is uncertain. On the recto are a series of copies or abstracts of contracts, each headed by the number of the day and in some cases by the month, but with no statement of the year. In Fr. (b) is an agreement for a loan of wheat and money in which the sentence *ἀς ἀποδώσει ἐν Ξανδικῶι Αἰγυπτίων δὲ Μεσορή* occurs. The same correspondence as Xandicus = Mesore is also implied by *ἐν μηνὶ Δύ[στ]ρωι Αἰγυπτίων δὲ Ἐπειφ* in a contract in Fr. (c), and by *Περειτίου Παῦν[ι]* found in Fr. (d). These three equations form our no. (12), and are different by two months from the correspondence found in (11). On the verso of Fr. (c) is a lease dated in the 25th year of Euergetes, in the protocol of which the months were given in both calendars but have not yet been deciphered, the day being *τετράδι καὶ εἰκάδι*, while one of the provisions of the contract is that the rent shall be paid *ἐν μηνὶ Ξανδικῶι Αἰγυπτίων* δὲ Ἐπειφ (no. (15) of the Table). Probably this clause refers to the 26th year, not to the 25th, since in the preceding line *Ξανδικοῦ Αἰγυπτίων δὲ Ἐπειφ τοῦ ἑκτοῦ καὶ εἰκοστοῦ ἔτους* occurs. The equation of Xandicus to Epeiph in the 26th year causes no particular difficulty; cf. our remarks on (15). But the question of the period to which the several equations on the recto of the papyrus, Dystrus = Pachon, our no. (11), and Dystrus = Epeiph, our no. (12), belong is more obscure, and is complicated by the fact that, as in (15), the correspondences are probably anticipatory. The circumstance that the series of contracts in which they are found is dated only by days of the month suggests that these documents were drawn up at no distant time from each other, and seeing that a lease written in the 25th year occurs on the verso, the dates to which the documents on the recto refer are probably not later than that year. There would be no difficulty in assigning no. (12) by itself to about the 25th year, since, though Dystrus then apparently began in Pauni, the greater part of it coincided with Epeiph, so that it might be equated to either Pauni or Epeiph. On the other hand no. (11), in which the general correspondence of the months in the two calendars is the same as that implied by no. (8), is most conveniently placed, like no. (8), between the 9th and 16th years of Euergetes; but in that case, if (12) belongs to the 25th year, there is a difference of several years between the dates of the contracts on the recto of the papyrus, which is not at all a satisfactory hypothesis. The inconsistency of 2 months between the equations in nos. (11) and (12) can however only be explained in two other ways. One of the two correspondences may be wrong (which would be certainly (11), an equation attested by only one instance against three for (12)); or the interval between (11) and (12) may be quite short, but in the course of it an intercalation of about 60 days was introduced into the Macedonian year in addition to the number of days (11, as we suppose)

necessary to make up the difference between the Macedonian and Egyptian year. Seeing that in both (11) and (12) the correspondences are probably approximate and anticipatory and need not have actually taken place, there is more justification than usual for supposing a miscalculation in one of them. But considering the irregularities of the Macedonian calendar, the possibility of a sudden large intercalation cannot be excluded; and provisionally (11) and (12) may be assigned to some year or years between the 9th and 25th of Euergetes. The period from the 9th to the 21st years would not be so appropriate as that from the 21st to the 25th, because the latter period suits (12), which has better evidence than (11), and less disturbance is caused by placing (11) after (10) than by placing (12) before (10). The correspondences implied by (11) and (12) being in any case approximate are quite consistent with those found in (10) and (13) respectively; the whole difficulty is caused by the apparent shortness of the interval between (11) and (12) and the uncertainty as to which of the two is the earlier.

(12) Unpublished Tebtunis papyrus (Mummy 107), Fr. (b) *Ξανδικῶι Αἰγυπτίῳν δὲ Μεσορή*, confirmed by two other correspondences; cf. (11).

(13) P. Magd. 2, 4 and 6 (cf. *Deuxième Série*, p. 205) (ἔτους) κε Λω(ί)ου κς Χοίακ ιγ, the reign being certainly that of Euergetes, since Diophanes is mentioned; cf. (14). The Macedonian years had thus in the 4 years' interval between (10) and (13) resumed their tendency to lose, the amount of the loss being 22 days, though if (11) and (12) are rightly placed between (10) and (13) and the correspondence implied by (11) is trustworthy (which is far from certain), some rapid changes seem to have taken place in the interval; cf. our remarks on (11). The relation of the calendars is only different by the trifling amount of one day from that found in (14). But what is the interval between (13) and (14), and which of the two is the earlier? Both papyri were written in the 25th year, and of course if this year was in both cases the revenue year which began on Thoth 1, the answer would be easy, viz. that (13), which was written in Choiak, was 4 months earlier than (14), which was written in Pharmouthi. But unfortunately since neither papyrus is concerned with revenues, the presumption is that the 25th year is in both cases regnal, or at any rate not a revenue year. The question of the priority of (13) or (14) will then depend upon the starting-point of the 25th regnal year. If it was Thoth 1, (13) is still 4 months earlier than (14); if it was Dios 1 or Dios 25, the probable date of Euergetes' accession (cf. p. 364), (14) being written in Apellaeus is 8 months older than (13) which was written in Loius. And since the starting-point of the 25th regnal year is not confined to those alternatives, it is wholly uncertain whether (13) or (14) is the earlier.

(14) P. Petrie II. 2. (2) (= III. 28 (b)), verso 1 (ἐτους) κε' Ἀπελλαίου ια Φαρμούθι 5; cf. II. 2. (3) (= III. 28 (c)), verso 1 (ἐτους) κε' Ἀπελλαίου ια Φαρμούθι 5. The reigning sovereign was supposed by Mahaffy to be Philadelphus, by Grenfell (Rev. Laws, p. 162), and P. M. Meyer (*Heerwesen*, p. 51) to be Euergetes I, by Strack (*Rhein. Mus.*, l. c.) to be Epiphanes. The Magdola papyri frequently mention the same strategus, Diophanes, who occurs in P. Petrie II. 2. (2) and (3), and he appears in a papyrus (*Deuxième Série*, no. 23, p. 174; cf. p. 205) in which the 26th year is clearly shown to be the last of a reign, and which therefore leaves no doubt that the 25th and 26th years in connexion with Diophanes refer to Euergetes I and the 1st and 4th years to Philopator. It is possible that (14) is really earlier than (13); see above.

(15) Unpublished Tebtunis papyrus (Mummy 107, Fr. (c), verso); cf. no. (11). The equation Ξανδικῶι . . . Ἐπειφ refers to the 26th year, but the contract in which it occurs was written in the 25th year, the day of the month in the protocol being given only once, and the names of both months being illegible. If the person who drew up the contract expected Xandicus to correspond exactly with Epeiph, his anticipation was almost certainly not fulfilled, for the dates in (13), (14), and (16), which are very close to (15), combine to indicate that Xandicus in both the 25th and 26th years began after Epeiph 20; it is therefore probable that the equation of Xandicus to Epeiph was not intended to be more than approximate. The equation would become more natural if we could infer from the absence of the day of the Macedonian month in the protocol that it was the same as that of the Egyptian. But the evidence does not justify that inference; cf. our remarks on (2).

(16) P. Magd. 16, 20-3, and 33 (ἐτους) α Γορπιαίου κη Τῦβι ιβ and P. Magd. 14, 15, 18, 19, 25, and 34 (ἐτους) α Γορπιαίου λ Τῦβι ιγ, the reign being certainly that of Philopator; cf. nos. (13) and (14). The apparent discrepancy of a day in these two series of double dates is probably due to the fact that Gorpiaeus contained only 29 days and that the last day of the month was called the 30th; cf. p. 334. Comparing (16) with (13) and (14) the Macedonian year has, instead of losing, gained 2 or 3 days upon the Egyptian, a phenomenon which considering that the interval is in any case very short is not surprising; cf. the 9 days' difference in the calendars implied by (5) and (6). The question of the interval between (14) and (16) is embarrassed, as usual, by complications caused by the two systems of reckoning the king's years; cf. App. ii. Jouguet and Lefebvre (P. Magd. *Deuxième Série*, p. 205) follow the ordinary practice of editors in regarding (ἐτους) α as the balance between Philopator's accession and the following Thoth 1, and hence naturally infer that Philopator came to the throne before Tubi 12, i. e. Feb. 26, B. C. 221. But, as in the case of (13) and

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suitable as an intervening stage between the 4th year of Philopator when Dios 1 fell in Phamenoth or Pharmouthi and the 9th of Epiphanes when it fell in Thoth. Hence, if the choice lies between Philadelphus and Philopator, we prefer to regard (19) as written in the 9th regnal year of Philopator on May 19, B.C. 212, and to suppose that in the 5 years' interval between (19) and (18) the Macedonian year lost 56 days, or, comparing (17) with (19), 36 days. But the great divergence in the relation of the two calendars indicated by (19) and the Rosetta Inscr., our no. (21), respectively is no longer a sufficient reason for refusing to attribute (19) to the 9th year of Epiphanes, since the discovery of (20); for in that surprising double date of the 4th year of Epiphanes the relation of the Egyptian to the Macedonian calendar is nearly identical with that shown by (19). (20) is best explained (see below) on the view that the first attempt to reform the Macedonian calendar in Egypt by equating Dystrus to Thoth and the other months to correspond had then already been made, although the omission of the number of the day in the case of the Macedonian month prevents us from being absolutely certain that (20) is an example of the assimilated Macedonian calendar. From the 4th to the 9th years of Epiphanes, therefore, the reformed and unreformed Macedonian years seem to have been running side by side; and if in (19) the days of the Macedonian and Egyptian months were the same there would be no difficulty in assigning it to the 9th year of Epiphanes, and treating it as an example of the reformed calendar, while in the Rosetta Inscr. the Macedonian month is given on the unreformed calendar. There is, as stated above, a doubt about the reading of the figure of the Macedonian month in (19), but it seems unlikely to be the same as the figure of the Egyptian month; and since to attribute (19) to the reign of Epiphanes without at the same time supposing that the Macedonian month is on the reformed calendar would produce much complication, the reign of Philopator is on the whole the most suitable.

(20) Unpublished Tebtunis papyrus (Mummy 6) βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου καὶ Ἀρσινόης θεῶν Φιλοπατόρων ἔτους τετάρτου . . . μηνὸς Αὐδναίου Αἰγυπτίων δὲ Ἐπεῖφ [πε]ντεκαίδεκάτη. It is unfortunate that in this very remarkable double date the omission of the number of the day in connexion with the Macedonian month introduces a slight element of uncertainty into the precise relation of the calendars implied. But in view of the complete coincidence of Audnaeus with Epeiph on the assimilated Macedonian calendar, which had certainly been introduced by the 24th year of Epiphanes (cf. (24)), and probably by the 18th year (cf. (22)), there is not much doubt that in (20) [πε]ντεκαίδεκάτη applies to both months, not merely to the Egyptian, in spite of the fact that in the earlier instances where the figure of the day is only stated once a similar

inference is unjustifiable; cf. our remarks on (2). This being granted, two conclusions are almost inevitable: firstly, the date at which the Macedonian calendar was first assimilated to the Egyptian by equating Dystrus to Thoth and the other months to correspond must now be put back into the period preceding the 4th year of Epiphanes, which is the date of (20); secondly, on account of the wholly different relation of the Macedonian and Egyptian months found in the Rosetta Inscr., which is 5 years later than (20), the reformed and unreformed Macedonian calendars must for some years, perhaps throughout the whole period of the first assimilation, have run on concurrently. These conclusions present no special difficulty, for the fact that the earlier identification of the two calendars ultimately failed and irregularities again occur in the reign of Philometor shows that the obstacles to a reform of the Macedonian calendar were very serious; and the new system according to which the Macedonian months from Dystrus to Peritius became mere equivalents of the Egyptian months from Thoth to Mesore may well have failed to command universal acceptance, and to deprive even temporarily the old Macedonian year of independent existence. In any case this explanation of (20) as an example of the assimilated calendar, a view which is based on the assumption that [πε]ντεκαδεκάτη applies to both months, is more satisfactory than the rival hypothesis that the figures were really different or, if identical in Audnaeus-Epiph., were yet different in the other months. If that were the case, not only must the nearness of the relation of the two months in (20) to their relation under the assimilated calendar be regarded as a mere accident, but since there would no longer be any reason for supposing that the earlier reform of the calendar was introduced before the date of the Rosetta Inscr., it would be necessary to maintain that in the interval of about 5 years between (20) and (21) Dios 1 moved on from some date in Pachon to the middle of Thoth, i.e. that the Macedonian year had lost more than 100 days. That in the interval of about 21 years between the 4th year of Philopator, as illustrated by (18), and the 9th year of Epiphanes, to which (21) belongs, the Macedonian year shifted its position in relation to the Egyptian to an extraordinary extent must be admitted on any theory; for the difference between the approximate dates of Dios 1 at the beginning and end of that period amounts to no less than 181 days, of which 125 have to be accounted for in the last 16 years of it, if (19) is correctly dated by us; cf. our remarks on (21). But to suppose a difference exceeding 100 days in the relation of the two calendars within about 5 years would imply a far graver disturbance than can be traced in the same length of time at any other point during the third and second centuries B.C. The choice of a month in the middle of the old Macedonian year instead of Dios to serve as the equivalent of Thoth is remarkable. Perhaps when the two calendars were

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(*l. c.*) has shown, probably either the hieroglyphic symbols which are supposed to mean 'the fourth month' of its season, i. e. Pharmouthi, ought to be interpreted as 'the third,' i. e. Phamenoth, or the stone-cutter has repeated a sign once too often, and has carved 'the fourth' in place of 'the third.' (23) then falls into line with (22) and (24)–(28).

(24) Unpublished Tebtunis papyrus *ἔτους τετάρτου καὶ εἰκοστοῦ* (of Epiphanes) *μηνὸς Δύστρον ὀγδόῃ καὶ εἰκάδι* *Θωὸν ὀγδόῃ καὶ εἰκάδι*; cf. Smyly, *l. c.* This is the earliest absolutely certain instance of the assimilation of the two calendars, which probably took place between the 4th year of Philopator and the 4th of Epiphanes; cf. (20).

(25)–(27). (25) P. Amh. 42. 21 *ἔτους δ[ευ]τέρου* (of Philometor) *μηνὸς Δίου ἐνάτη[ι] καὶ εἰκάδι* *Παχὼν [ἐνάτη κ]αὶ εἰκάδι*, as restored by Krall and Smyly. (26) Unpublished Berlin papyrus quoted by Wilcken, *Ost. I. p. 782*, Artemisius 7 = Athur 7 in the 5th year of Philometor. (27) P. Amh. 43. 1 *ἔτους ὀγδρόν* (of Philometor) *μηνὸς Λαίου τρεῖσκαίδεκάτη* *Μεχέρ τρεῖσκαίδεκάτη*; cf. 1. 8 *ἀποδότω . . . ἐν μηνὶ Αἰδυναίῳ Αἰγυπτ[ίῳ] δὲ Ἐπίφ.* Cf. (20).

(28) Unpublished Tebtunis papyrus [*ἔτους*] *πέμπτου* (of the reign of Philometor, Euergetes II, and Cleopatra) *μηνὸς Ἀπελλαίου ἐννεακαίδεκάτη* *Παῦνι ἐννεακαίδεκάτη*; cf. Smyly, *l. c.* This year, which corresponds to the 16th of Philometor, provides the latest certain date for the continuance of the assimilation introduced by Philopator or Epiphanes; but a still later example is perhaps found in (30).

(29) P. Par. 63. xiii. 14 (*ἔτους*) *ἡ Περιτίου δ Μεσορὴ κε.* The reign has generally been supposed to be that of Philometor, since Cols. i–vii (which have no connexion with Col. xiii) were written in the 6th and 7th years of the joint reign (which = the 17th and 18th of Philometor), and it has been assumed that Col. xiii was later than Cols. i–vii. It would in that case appear that in the interval of little more than 2 years between (28) and (29) the Macedonian year had broken away from the Egyptian, and that in Peritius–Mesore the Macedonian year was once more behind the Egyptian to the extent of 21 days. Smyly (*l. c.*) objects to this conclusion, and wishes to refer (29) to the reign of Philopator, supposing it to be a copy of an older document. This is a perfectly legitimate hypothesis in the case of a document like P. Par. 63. xiii (a royal rescript) which is anyhow a copy, not an original; but it seems to us unnecessary in the light of nos. (30) and particularly (31), both of which offer *prima facie* corroboration of the view that disturbances recurred in the Macedonian calendar after Philometor's return from exile. Smyly disposes of (30) by postulating an error of the stone-cutter similar to that which creates a difficulty in connexion with (23), and of (31) because 'it is assigned to

Philometor on conjectural grounds only.' The reasons for considering (31) to be later than the reign of Epiphanes are nevertheless very strong. The date occurs in a second century B. C. papyrus, which is less likely than (29) to be a copy of a much earlier document; secondly, the mention in l. 5 of 'the queen' in addition to 'the king' indicates a second century B. C. date, when the official status of queens was more important than in the third; thirdly, neither Philopator nor Epiphanes entered their 26th year, and the relation of the calendars in the 26th years of Philadelphus and Euergetes I was, so far as is known, different from that implied by (31). Hence the choice of reigns with regard to (31) is practically limited to Philometor and Euergetes II; and if the admission, which in our opinion is absolutely necessary in the case of (31), be once made, that the Macedonian year differed from the Egyptian in the interval between the 16th year of Philometor and the final assimilation of the Macedonian months to the Egyptian, there seems to be no sufficient reason for refusing to admit that (29) also belongs to that interval, especially since the introduction of the reformed Macedonian calendar failed, as (21) shows, to bring about the complete abandonment of the unreformed system, at any rate until after the 9th year of Epiphanes. It is quite possible that both systems continued in use until the second and final assimilation of the Macedonian to the Egyptian calendar took place, although from the 18th year of Epiphanes to the 16th of Philometor the present evidence indicates the employment of only one set of Macedonian months. We prefer therefore to adhere to the ordinary view that (29) belongs to the reign of Philometor, and consider either that in the interval between (28) and (29) the Macedonian year resumed its ancient tendency to lose, or else that the unreformed calendar had never fallen into desuetude, and reasserted itself in (29)-(31). In the Table of correspondences we have proceeded on the hypothesis that during the second period of irregularity the Macedonian year had reverted to its supposed former number of 354 days supplemented by intercalations.

(30) Hieroglyphic Inscr. at Philae (Lepsius, *Denkmäler*, IV. 27 b) 'Year 24 (of Philometor) Peritius = Epeiph 1'. In the absence of a distinct mention of the day of the Macedonian month it is not clear that it coincided with the day of the Egyptian month; cf. p. 340. Smyly (*l. c.*), however, wished to regard it as the same, and brought this correspondence into conformity with those found in the earlier period of assimilation by supposing an error of the stone-cutter similar to that which, as there is good reason to believe, occurs in (23), and by substituting 'the fourth month' (Mesore) for 'the third month' (Epeiph). We, however, are less anxious to get rid of irregularities in the Macedonian year at this period, and prefer to admit that in the 6 years' interval between

(29) and (30) the Macedonian year may have gained considerably upon the Egyptian. The limits of this gain are if Peritius 1 was the day in (30), 51 days, if Peritius 30, as is conceivable since the figure is omitted, 80 days. Less disturbance, therefore, would be caused if the figure 1 refers to both Macedonian and Egyptian months than if the days are different; but on either view it would seem that several years passed without intercalations, or a large deduction was made from the Macedonian year at one or more points. If Smyly's suggestion that Epeiph in (30) is an error for Mesore be combined with our view that the calendar again became irregular in Philometor's reign, the first assimilated calendar may be supposed to have continued in use until the introduction of the second.

(31) P. Par. 60. recto 4 (ἔτους) κς Ξανδικοῦ α Θωὺθ κε. The day of the Macedonian month might be λ or, less probably, δ. The view of Brunet de Presle, the first editor, that the reign of Philometor is meant, is supported by Strack, but has recently been called in question by Smyly (*l. c.*). As we have stated in connexion with (29), the objections to referring (31) to an earlier reign than Philometor's seem to be overwhelming, and on the other hand, since both the 26th year of Ptolemy Alexander is palaeographically, though possible, not a very suitable date for the papyrus, and an extant double date in that year (P. Leyden O) is in accordance with the later assimilation of the two calendars, the choice really lies between the reigns of Philometor and Euergetes II. Brunet de Presle justly prefers Philometor on the ground that the Dioscurides and two Dorions mentioned in P. Par. 61 may well be identical with the dioecetes Dioscurides and epimeletes Dorion who are mentioned in other Serapeum papyri in the 24th year of Philometor, and the Dorion who is known from P. Par. 63 as hypodioecetes in the 7th year of the joint reign of Philometor with his brother and sister (which = the 18th of Philometor). But since the 26th year of Euergetes II is only 11 years later than the 26th of Philometor it is impossible to decide between the two reigns with any degree of certainty. Contrasting (31) with (29), which is a little more than 7 or perhaps 18 years earlier, the Macedonian year had reverted nearly to its relation towards the Egyptian year under the assimilated calendar.

(32) P. Tebt. 25. 7 ἔτους νγ Ξαν(δικοῦ) ις Μεχέρ ις. This is the earliest instance yet found of the second and final assimilation of the two calendars, introduced probably by Euergetes II, who with greater success than the author of the first assimilation deprived the Macedonian year of a separate existence by equating Dios to Thoth and the other months to correspond. Henceforth the Macedonian months, though often inserted in contracts far into the Roman period, became a useless appendage of their Egyptian equivalents.

We give below in tabular form a list of the differences between the relations of the Macedonian and Egyptian years implied by the double dates, leaving out of account those correspondences in which the day is not given on both calendars, and those which are on the assimilated calendar introduced in the interval between (18) and (20). The losses or gains of the Macedonian year (the sign for *minus* means that it had lost, i.e. gone slower than the Egyptian year, the sign for *plus* that it had gained, i.e. gone faster) are calculated on the hypothesis that it contained apart from intercalations 354 days.

| Interval between | Approx. no. of Egyptian years. | Gain or loss of Macedonian year in days. |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| (1) and (5) | 73 years | -93 (?) |
| (5) and (6) | 1 year and 7 months (?) | +9 |
| (6) and (6 a) | 10 years | -43 |
| (6 a) and (7) | 1 year and 3 months (?) | +4 |
| (7) and (9) | 7 years | -66 |
| (9) and (10) | 5 " | +12 |
| (10) and (13) | 4 " | -22 |
| (13) and (14) | 4 months (?) | +1 |
| (14) and (16) | 1 year and 1 month (?) | +2 |
| (16) and (17) | 3 years | -47 |
| (17) and (18) | 4 months (?) | +20 |
| (18) and (19) | 5 years (?) | -56 |
| (19) and (21) | 16 " (?) | -125 |
| (18) and (21) | 22 " | -181 or +184 |
| (21) and (29) | 24 " | +119 (?) |
| (29) and (31) | 7 " (18 years?) | +21 |

We conclude with a summary of the chief results of our inquiry into this complicated subject.

(1) The irregularities of the Macedonian calendar fall into two main sections, according as they are earlier or later than the introduction of the temporary system by which the Macedonian months beginning with Dystus were equated to the Egyptian months beginning with Thoth.

(2) The earliest certain example of the use of this system is no. (24), which belongs to the 24th year of Epiphanes, but there is good reason to believe that it had already been introduced by the 4th year of Epiphanes; cf. no. (20). Since there is no indication of its employment in the evidence down to the 4th year of Philopator, the date of the first assimilation of the Macedonian to the Egyptian months is to be attributed to the period of 18 years between the 4th year of

Philopator and the 4th of Epiphanes. The latest certain example of the use of the assimilated Macedonian calendar is provided by no. (28), written in the 5th year of the reign of Philometor, Euergetes II, and Cleopatra, which = the 16th year of Philometor; but possibly no. (30), which is 8 years later than (29), is on the same system, and that system may even have survived until the introduction of the second assimilation by which the Macedonian months from Dios onwards were equated to the Egyptian months beginning with Thoth.

(3) There is no justification for such a hypothesis as Strack's that there were two sets of Egyptian months with the same names, making (1) the ordinary vague year of 365 days which starts from Thoth 1, and (2) a fixed year of $365\frac{1}{4}$ days reckoned from the rising of Sirius on July 19, and two sets of Macedonian months with the same names making years of unknown length starting approximately from the spring and autumn equinoxes, a hypothesis which accounts for dates on two calendars only by throwing all dates on one calendar into chaos. The view of Krall that the Egyptian months in documents of the Ptolemaic period are, so far as we know, all reckoned by the vague year of 365 days is sound, and there is no reason to suppose the existence of more than one set of Macedonian months before the introduction of the first assimilated Macedonian calendar between the 4th year of Philopator and the 4th year of Epiphanes.

(4) The Macedonian year was probably a lunar one of 354 days, the 12 months from Dios to Hyperberetaeus containing alternately 29 and 30 days. Without any intercalations or deductions, it was thus 11 days shorter than the Egyptian vague year.

(5) In order to make up for this difference between the two calendars the Macedonian year was subjected to frequent intercalations, the effect of which was to make it on the average longer than the Egyptian year. Hence, before the first period of assimilation, the general tendency of Dios 1 is gradually to fall later in the Egyptian year, so that at the end of the 32 years' period between the 35th year of Philadelphus (5) and the 4th of Philopator (17) the relation of the Macedonian calendar to the Egyptian was different by 150 days from what it had been at the beginning.

(6) No consistent method of intercalation in the Macedonian year was maintained through a series of years; the irregularities are such that the number of intercalated days seems to have varied from year to year. The principles on which the number was fixed by the government and the place in the year at which the days were inserted are quite uncertain; but a whole month was sometimes intercalated; cf. p. 334.

(7) In opposition to the general tendency of the Macedonian year to lose,

there are before the first assimilation four cases, (6), (7), (10), and (16), and perhaps three more, (11), (13), and (18), in which the sequence of Egyptian days corresponding to *Dius 1* is broken, and the Macedonian year has in comparison with the immediately preceding correspondence gained instead of losing. Of these seven apparent exceptions to the general rule nos. (6), (7), (10), and (16) cause no great difficulty, because the number of days gained by the Macedonian year is in all four instances less than the amount that it would necessarily gain if there had been no intercalations in the year or, in the case of (10), the years preceding. The exceptional character of (11) is caused by its being placed after (9); but the correspondence is of an anticipatory character which may never have actually occurred, and the position assigned to this date, on the ground of the supposed shortness of the interval between it and (12), which is most conveniently placed immediately before (13), is very uncertain. The correspondence in (11), moreover, being only approximate, may be the same as that indicated by (10), and if (10) and (11) refer to the same year, (11) would cause no more difficulty than (10). As for (13), the break which it makes in the sequence is more apparent than real, for since in the year to which it refers *Dius 1* fell near the end of *Mecheir*, the fact that in (12) *Dius* approximately corresponded to *Phamenoth* is in no way inconsistent with the hypothesis that between (12) and (13) the Macedonian year was, as usual, losing or at least not gaining. By far the most serious exception to the rule that the Macedonian year tends to lose would seem to arise in (18), which, if it is 4 months later than (17), indicates that in that interval the Macedonian year had gained no less than 20 days. Whether this is due to an error in the figures in (17) or (18) or to the sudden omission of 20 days in the Macedonian year is doubtful.

(8) The changes in the relation of the Macedonian to the Egyptian year are more rapid in the early parts of the reigns of *Euergetes* and *Philopator* than in the later parts of the reigns of *Philadelphus* and *Euergetes*.

(9) After the assimilation of the Macedonian months to the Egyptian introduced between the 4th year of *Philopator* and the 4th year of *Epiphanes*, irregular correspondences, which imply the existence of a distinct Macedonian year, are occasionally found. Of these (21), of the 9th year of *Epiphanes*, is best explained on the hypothesis that, side by side with the reformed Macedonian calendar, the old Macedonian year was still running, its movements in relation to the Egyptian year during the interval between (17) and (21) having been exceptionally rapid. After (21) there follows a period of about 21 years (from the 18th year of *Epiphanes* to the 5th year of the joint reign of *Philometor*, *Euergetes II*, and *Cleopatra*), during which, if *Smyly's* correction in no. (23) be

accepted, all the extant double dates, (22)-(28), exhibit the assimilated calendar, and the old Macedonian year may have then fallen into complete disuse. But soon after Philometor's return from exile irregular correspondences are found once more in (29)-(31). Whether these are to be explained on the view that the old Macedonian year reasserted itself, or that the Macedonian year broke away from the assimilated calendar in the interval between (28) and (29), is not certain.

(10) The existence of a distinct Macedonian year cannot be detected with any degree of certainty after the 26th year of Philometor, but owing to the doubt as to the exact date of (31) it may have continued beyond the 26th year of Euergetes II. Between the year in which (31) was written and the 53rd of Euergetes II the Macedonian year beginning with Dios was finally assimilated to the Egyptian vague year beginning with Thoth.

If the general theory which by the aid of much new evidence we have suggested is on the right lines, and in all the extant double dates there was but one Egyptian year of 365 days and, until the introduction of the earlier of the two assimilated calendars, only one Macedonian year which on the whole tended to lose in relation to the Egyptian, the problems caused by the use of the Macedonian calendar will henceforth be somewhat simplified, for it is possible from our Table to predict within certain limits the Egyptian month with which a Macedonian month at any period from about the middle of Philadelphus' reign to the 4th year of Philopator corresponded. If these predictions are fulfilled by fresh instances of double dates, the correctness of our explanation will be verified; while on the other hand, if e.g. in the future Dios in the 31st year of Philadelphus is found equated to Pharmouthi, or in the 18th year of Euergetes to Mesore, or in the 3rd year of Philopator to Choiak, the proposed theory and the inferences based upon it must be abandoned. The irregular correspondences which occur after the first attempt to assimilate the Macedonian to the Egyptian calendar are still too few to admit the possibility of a satisfactory theory with regard to the movements of the unreformed Macedonian year in the second century B.C.

APPENDIX II

THE SYSTEMS OF DATING BY THE YEARS OF THE KING.

WE have had frequent occasions in the course of the present volume to allude to the difficulties caused by the use of more than one system of calculating the years of the reigning king. Our object in this appendix is to discuss in the

light of the new evidence the relationship of the king's years to the ordinary Egyptian vague years of 365 days beginning on Thoth 1. Until 1891 it was generally supposed that the method of reckoning the years of the king in the earlier Ptolemaic period was the same as that employed in the later Ptolemaic and the Roman periods. According to this system the interval between a king's accession and the next Thoth 1 was counted as his 1st year, while his 2nd and succeeding years began on Thoth 1; and in spite of the discovery of some disconcerting evidence, nearly all editors and historians continue to convert early Ptolemaic dates into the corresponding years of the Julian calendar upon the assumption that the years of the king were reckoned on that method. In 1891, however, it was shown by a Petrie papyrus (Part I, 28 (2)=Part III, introd. p. 8 and 58 (c)) that in Euergetes I's reign two different systems of calculating the king's years were in vogue. The correct restoration of the mutilated date-formula in that papyrus, which in its imperfect form was discussed by Revillout (*Mélanges*, p. 350), and Strack (*Rhein. Mus.* liii, p. 410), was first established from a parallel text in the Petrie papyri (Part III, 58 (d)) by Smyly (*Hermathena*, 1899, p. 432), who showed that the formula was in both cases $\xi\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma\ \iota\alpha\ \acute{\omega}\varsigma\ \delta'\ \alpha\iota\ \pi\rho\acute{o}\sigma\omicron\delta\omicron\iota\ \xi\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma\ \iota\beta$, the day being in one case Phamenoth 25, in the other case lost. To those two instances have now to be added (3) P. Magd. 35. 2 (re-edited by Th. Reinach in *Mélanges Nicole*, pp. 451-9) $\tau\omicron\upsilon\ \gamma\grave{\alpha}\rho\ \epsilon\ (\xi\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma)\ \acute{\omega}\varsigma\ \alpha\iota\ \pi\rho\acute{o}\sigma\omicron\delta\omicron\iota\ \Phi\alpha\mu\epsilon\nu\acute{\omega}[\theta]$, the reign being that of Philopator; (4) 80. 13-4, where the demotic docket to a Greek receipt written on Epeiph 4 of the 35th year of Philadelphus is dated 'year 34 which makes year 35'; (5) an unpublished Tebtunis papyrus from mummy 8, containing part of a petition to the king, in which ($\xi\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma$) $\iota\beta\ \acute{\omega}\varsigma\ \alpha\iota\ \pi\rho\acute{o}\sigma\omicron\delta\omicron\iota\ \iota\gamma$ occurs; (6) the British Museum bilingual papyrus of Philopator's reign (Griffith, *Proc. Soc. Bibl. Arch.* 1901, pp. 294-302), in which the inconsistency between the date of the demotic contract ('Year 12, Tubi') and that of the Greek docket ('Year 13, Tubi 4') is probably to be explained by the hypothesis that the king's years are calculated by two different methods.

Combining the evidence for the double system of reckoning the king's years, three inferences are certain:—(1) the double system extended over the reigns of Philadelphus, Euergetes I, and Philopator, (2) one of the two systems was employed for revenue purposes, (3) the figures of the 'revenue' year were sometimes one in advance of those of the other, which we shall henceforth call the 'regnal' year. Beyond these three inferences we enter the region of conjecture, though a few steps may be taken with fair security.

In the first place it may be taken for granted that one of the two different years corresponds to the ordinary vague year, the second year of the reign commencing with the next Thoth 1 after the king's accession, as in later

Ptolemaic times and apparently under the XXVth Dynasty (Spiegelberg, *Dem. Pap. der Strassburger Bibliothek*, p. 15; Krall, *Festschr. f. O. Hirschfeld*, p. 115). If any proof of this assumption is required it is supplied by e. g. P. Petrie III. 112, a taxing-list in which the 2nd year of Philopator is treated as the next after the 26th and last year of Euergetes, the incomplete 26th year of Euergetes being combined with the incomplete 1st year of his successor so as to make a single year; cf. also P. Petrie 119 verso, ii. 9] τῶν τοῦ κς (ἔτους) . α (ἔτους).

Assuming therefore that either the revenue or the regnal year is the vague year, with which of the two is it to be identified? Revillout, who in spite of reading εἰσοδοὶ for πρόσδοι had divined that P. Petrie I. 28 (2) referred to a financial year, identified this with the ordinary vague year; and the same hypothesis was maintained by Smyly (*l. c.*) and is accepted by Th. Reinach, although all three hold different views as to the nature of the regnal year. This identification is indeed a natural corollary of the preceding assumption, if it be also admitted that a revenue year should be fairly stable; for a year of 365 days regularly beginning on Thoth 1 fulfils this requirement far better than a year of which the duration and starting-point may have been irregular. We have no wish to depart from this generally received view that the revenue years were ordinary vague years calculated as in later Ptolemaic times. Of the numerous papyri and ostraca concerning πρόσδοι the great majority accord very well with it, especially the taxing-list for the 26th year of Euergetes and 2nd year of Philopator mentioned above, which is very difficult to reconcile with any other view of the revenue year. But the presence of numerous exceptions to the rule that for revenue purposes the years were reckoned from Thoth 1 must be admitted. In the regulations for the payment of the ἀπόμοιρα in Rev. Laws xxxiv. 5 the Egyptian calendar is ignored altogether, and the year is reckoned ἀπὸ Δίου ἕως Ἑπερβερεταίου (cf. Wilcken, *Ost. I.* p. 519); and in Rev. Laws lvii. 4-5 the king sells the ἐλαϊκή for two years reckoned from Gorpiaeus-Mesore, not from Thoth. In 114 the persons who are farming two taxes εἰς τὸ γ (ἔτος) of a king present a list of 9 monthly instalments reckoned from Mecheir to Phaophi, ignoring Thoth 1 as the beginning of a new financial year. In 116 the year which is the subject of the tax-farming account in question is divided into two halves beginning at Mecheir and Mesore respectively, and though no year is mentioned in this case, the normal practice in farming taxes was to buy the right of collection for a particular year of a reign; cf. Wilcken, *l. c.* A financial year beginning in Mecheir would also suit 115, another tax-farming account dealing with the period from Mecheir to Pachon, while 133 suggests a financial year beginning in Mesore. Neither of the last two instances, however, is very

strong, and it would be possible to explain away some of the other apparent exceptions. The case of the ἀπόμοιρα might be accounted for, as Wilcken (*l. c.*) suggests, by supposing that ἀπὸ Δίου ἕως [ὑπερβερεταίου applied only to Alexandria, and that in the χώρα the words would be understood as equivalent to ἀπὸ Θῶθ ἕως Μεσορή, though this explanation is admitted by its proposer to be unconvincing, and in the light of the frequent use of the Macedonian calendar in the Petrie, and still more in the Hibeh, papyri Wilcken seems to us to under-estimate largely the extent of its employment for official and ordinary purposes. The fact that the ἐλαική was sold from Gorpiaeus-Mesore may well be due to special circumstances, or the regulations concerning the year for tax-farming purposes may have been different in the case of the oil-monopoly from what they were in the case of ordinary taxes (Wilcken, *l. c.*); in any event the two years for which the ἐλαική was sold are not stated to have coincided with two definite years of the king's reign. The difficulty caused by 116, in which Mecheir begins the financial year, might also be evaded by supposing either that for some exceptional reason the year for the collection of this particular tax was spread over parts of two revenue years instead of the whole of one, or that the 12 months from Mecheir to Tubi were, contrary to custom, only part of a larger period extending originally from Thoth 1, for which the tax was farmed. We do not however wish to bring 116 into conformity with the ordinary revenue year, for even if all the other apparent exceptions were explained away, there would still remain 114, where no exercise of ingenuity can make the year in which the instalments were paid (Mecheir to Tubi or, less probably, Athur to Phaophi) coincide with an ordinary revenue year, in spite of the fact that the taxes in question were farmed εἰς τὸ γ (ἔτος). This papyrus indeed leads to a serious dilemma: for either τὸ γ ἔτος is a loose expression for a period covering two parts of successive revenue years, which is not at all a satisfactory hypothesis, or else τὸ γ ἔτος began in Mecheir (or Athur). The latter inference is undoubtedly the more natural; but the adoption of it implies not merely that the taxing year in this particular case failed to coincide with an ordinary revenue year, a phenomenon for which there are other parallels, but that on the system of reckoning the king's years employed in the case of τὸ γ ἔτος Mecheir (or Athur) was the first month of the year—a result which might have an important bearing on the question of the starting-point of the non-revenue or regnal year. Whichever alternative be chosen, it is clear that 114 is an exception to the rule that in documents concerning the revenue the year is reckoned from Thoth to Mesore. Our conclusion, therefore, with regard to the revenue year is that, although there is good ground for identifying it with the ordinary vague year, and in most cases where the years of a king's reign occur in documents relating

to the revenues these are to be considered revenue years, nevertheless in some departments of finance the accounts were kept without reference to the beginning or close of the revenue year, and when the year of a king's reign is mentioned in a revenue document this is not in itself a sufficient guarantee that it is a revenue rather than some other kind of year, whether Egyptian or Macedonian.

With regard to the system of calculating the regnal years the central fact is that where the regnal and revenue years are known to differ, the figures of the revenue year are in some cases (probably in all) one in advance. The circumstance that when both kinds of years are mentioned together the revenue year stands second and is in all the Greek instances defined, indicates that the undefined year which is mentioned first was the more important; and it is probable that down to the accession of Epiphanes at any rate the regnal year was more often employed than the revenue year in dating documents which are not concerned with the revenues. With regard to private contracts and wills there are some special grounds (cf. p. 374) for thinking that it was not customary to date them by the revenue year. The identification of the revenue year with the *annus vagus* (the balance of days between the king's accession and the following Thoth 1 being reckoned as his 1st year) necessitates the conclusion that the regnal year was calculated differently, but a more definite view of it is very difficult to obtain.

Smyly (*Hermathena*, 1899, p. 432) proposed to regard the regnal years as Egyptian years of 365 days calculated from the king's accession and succeeding anniversaries of it, according to which system the numbers of the regnal years would be one behind those of the revenue years in the period between Thoth 1 and the anniversary. The question then arises—In what months did the accession of the earlier Ptolemies take place? Epiphanes, if the hieroglyphic version of the Rosetta Inscr. may be trusted (the Greek is unfortunately defective on the point), and if *παρέλαβεν τὴν βασιλείαν παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς* in l. 47 refers, as is generally supposed, to the king's accession, came to the throne on Phaophi 17, but unfortunately no document belonging to his reign has yet been discovered in which the revenue are distinguished from the regnal years. With regard to the month of Philadelphus' accession nothing is known. From 80. 13 it would be necessary on the accession theory of regnal years to infer that he came to the throne after Epeiph 4; and this hypothesis would accord very well with the fact that a demotic papyrus now being edited by Mr. Griffith (cf. 84 (a) introd.) is dated in Phamenoth of the 21st year of Soter. The Canon of Ptolemy assigns only 20 years to Soter, and if that statement is accurate and the 21st year was not only his last year but a revenue year, the evidence would point to Philadelphus' accession having taken place between Phamenoth and the

following Thoth 1. If the 21st year of Soter is a regnal year, the received chronology of Soter's reign is in danger of being upset, and amid the general uncertainty which would result it would no longer be possible to be sure that the 21st year was his last. But either view is consistent with the hypothesis that Philadelphus' reign began in Epeiph or Mesore.

Next with regard to Philopator P. Magd. 35. 2 would on the accession theory indicate that this event took place between Phamenoth and the following Thoth, and if Jouguet and Lefebvre are right in inferring from the Magdola papyri written in the 1st year of Philopator (P. Magd. *Deuxième Série*, p. 205) that he came to the throne between Thoth 1 and Tubi 12, it would be impossible to harmonize these inferences. But the conclusion that Philopator's accession took place before Tubi 12 rests on the assumption that in the Magdola papyri written on Tubi 12 of the 1st year of that reign the 1st revenue year, which ended on the 5th intercalary day, is meant. If (as is on the whole more probable) they are dated by the regnal year, they do not, until the beginning and end of Philopator's first regnal year have been determined by other evidence, prove more than the fact that his 1st regnal year included Tubi 12. Though Euergetes is known from P. Petrie III. 112 to have died in his 26th revenue year, we have been unable to discover any document actually dated in that year which would indicate how far into the 26th year his reign lasted. Some better evidence for the month of Philopator's accession is provided by P. Petrie III. 141, an account dated at the beginning (ἔτους) κε Χο[ι]ακ and ending with Thoth of the 1st year. Palaeographical considerations render it practically certain that the reigns of Euergetes and Philopator are meant, and the form of one of the entries, (ll. 24-5) καὶ ὀψώνιον τοῦ α (ἔτους) ἀπὸ Παῦνι ἕως τοῦ Θαῦτ μηνῶν δ (δραχμαὶ) ις, implies, as Smyly remarks, that the whole of this period of 4 months was included in the 1st year. From this it is necessary to infer that the 1st is not a revenue year; and it becomes probable that the 25th year mentioned in the heading is the last regnal year of Euergetes, and that Philopator came to the throne between Choiak and Pauni. Since the accession theory only requires that Philopator should have come to the throne between Phamenoth and Mesore inclusive, it is perfectly in accord with the evidence of P. Petrie III. 141. But a great objection to this theory arises out of the data for the accession of Euergetes. The Canopus Inscr. l. 6 τὴν πέμπτην καὶ εἰκάδα τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνὸς (sc. Dios) ἐν ᾗ παρέλαβεν τὴν βασιλείαν παρὰ τοῦ πατρός has been almost universally interpreted as meaning that Euergetes' accession took place on Dios 25th. The inference is not free from doubt, for the Rosetta Inscr. uses the phrase παραλαβεῖν τὴν βασιλείαν παρὰ τοῦ πατρός in connexion with two different days, Mecheir 18 (ll. 7-8) and Phaophi 17 (l. 47;

cf. p. 362). The first date is supposed to refer to the king's coming of age, the second to his actual accession when an infant (cf. Dittenberger, *Orientalis Graeci Inscr.* I. p. 145), and it is not quite certain that in the Canopus Inscr. the phrase refers to the king's accession rather than e.g. to his coronation; but we are disinclined to depart from the ordinary interpretation of the passage. The information, however, that Euergetes came to the throne on Dios 25 is not of much service unless that date on the Macedonian calendar can be converted into its approximate Egyptian equivalent. The general tendency of the Macedonian months to fall later in the Egyptian year, coupled with the fact that in the 36th year of Philadelphus Dios approximately coincided with Athur and in the 9th year of Euergetes with Choiak-Tubi (cf. Table), requires that the accession of Euergetes on Dios 25 should fall in the months Athur, Choiak or Tubi, or at any rate within the period from Phaophi to Mecheir inclusive. This is in accordance with the evidence of papyri dated near the end of Philadelphus' reign, for the latest recorded date in his 39th year is Athur 16 (53. 4). It is also consistent with Smyly's interpretation of the date in the heading of P. Petrie III. 141. In itself, therefore, the hypothesis that Euergetes' accession occurred in Athur-Tubi is quite satisfactory; but Smyly himself remarks that it is irreconcilable with his former explanation of regnal years, which requires that the revenue years should be in advance of the regnal years only in the period from Thoth 1 to the anniversary of the accession, whereas P. Petrie III. 58 (c) shows that the period during which the revenue years were in advance extended as late as Phamenoth 25. To suppose, as the accession theory requires, that Dios 25 in the 1st year of Euergetes corresponded to some day in the period between Phamenoth 25 and the end of Mesore would hopelessly break the sequence which we believe to be traceable in the months of the Egyptian year corresponding to Dios in the latter part of the third century B. C.

Another explanation of the regnal years has recently been suggested by Th. Reinach (*Mélanges Nicole*, p. 456), who proposes to regard them as ordinary Egyptian vague years of 365 days like the revenue years, but calculated from Thoth 1 *after* the king's accession, the balance of days between the king's accession and the following Thoth 1 (which constituted the 1st revenue year) being attributed to his dead predecessor. On this theory of the regnal years, their numbers were invariably one behind those of the revenue years, and so far as the papyri dated by both systems are concerned (which, it may be noted, with one exception fell in the second half of the Egyptian vague year), they are consistent with Reinach's explanation. But Reinach's view is open to grave objections. In the first place it is a priori improbable that people would continue to date documents by the reign of a king who was known to be

dead; and, not to mention 116 and the other instances quoted on pp. 360-1, P. Petrie III. 141 seems to us in itself sufficient to remove Reinach's inability to believe (*l. c.*) 'qu'à aucune époque les années régnales aient été officiellement comptées à partir d'une autre date que le 1^{er} Thoth,' for a year in which Thoth comes after Mesore cannot have begun with Thoth. In order to reconcile Reinach's explanation of regnal years with P. Petrie III. 141 it seems necessary to suppose that the whole period from a king's accession to the end of his 2nd revenue year was counted as his first regnal year. From this it would follow that in a 1st regnal year some months occurred twice over, which is a very unsatisfactory hypothesis. Secondly, if Thoth 1 was New Year's day on both the revenue and regnal systems, the only intelligible justification for having a separate system for budget purposes is removed, and the distinction between the two systems would seem to have been designed for the purpose of creating confusion. If the regnal years ignored Thoth 1 altogether, it is perfectly natural that the Ptolemies maintained for financial purposes the observance of a year with a fixed number of days and a fixed starting-point which remained unaffected by the succession of sovereigns. But if the regnal year was of the same character as the revenue year, there seems to be no adequate reason for having a separate year for financial purposes which only differed from the regnal year by having its numbers one in advance.

Thirdly, if the regnal as well as the revenue year was regulated by the Egyptian calendar, it is practically necessary to postulate the existence of a third system of reckoning the years of a king employed in documents dated on the Macedonian calendar; for it is hardly credible that e.g. in royal edicts, which usually ignore the Egyptian months altogether, the commencement and duration of the years of the reign should be fixed with reference to an Egyptian system; cf. Strack, *Rhein. Mus.* liii. p. 422. Moreover Rev. Laws xxxiv. 5 (cf. p. 360) shows that a Macedonian year from Dios to Hyperberetaeus was sometimes taken into account, even in matters relating to finance; and the evidence of the double dates proves that the relation of Macedonian months to the Egyptian was subject to perpetual alterations. It is of course not only a legitimate but no doubt the safer course to leave the question of Macedonian years on one side in discussing the distinction of the Egyptian revenue and regnal years; but to suppose that in documents dated by the Macedonian calendar the years meant are also Egyptian regnal years would greatly simplify the problem by reducing the number of systems in common use from three to two.

The view that the Egyptian regnal years were really Macedonian years calculated from the date of the king's accession and succeeding anniversaries of it was suggested by Revillout (*Mélanges*, p. 350) in connexion with P. Petrie

I. 28 (2) (= III. 58 (c)), but so long as the relation of the Egyptian and Macedonian calendars was involved in complete obscurity remained incapable of proof or disproof. Now, however, granting that Euergetes' accession took place on Dios 25, it is worth while to inquire how far the view that his regnal years began on Dios 25 avoids the principal difficulty (cf. p. 364) which arises if the regnal years are supposed to have commenced on anniversaries of that day on the Egyptian calendar with which Dios 25th corresponded at Euergetes' accession. In order to make Phamenoth 25 of Euergetes' 12th revenue year fall within his 11th regnal year, as is indicated by P. Petrie III. 58 (c), it is necessary, on Revillout's theory of regnal years, to suppose that Dios 25, the first day of the 12th regnal year, fell later than Phamenoth 25, i. e. that Dios 1 fell later than Phamenoth 1. But the evidence of double dates in the 9th and 16th years of Euergetes (cf. App. i, Table) suggests that Dios 1 in the 12th year fell in Choiak or Tubi, and the hypothesis that it fell later than Phamenoth 1 in the 12th year would therefore disturb the sequence of double dates not much less than the view that it fell later than Phamenoth 1 at Euergetes' accession. Nor is the date in P. Petrie III. 58 (c) easier to explain by supposing that the regnal years began on Dios 1, the balance of days between the king's accession and the following Dios 1 being reckoned as his 1st regnal year: for in that case Dios 1 of the 12th regnal year must have begun later than Phamenoth 25, a conclusion which increases rather than diminishes the difficulty referred to above.

The theory of a Macedonian origin of the Egyptian regnal years can indeed be reconciled with the extant evidence concerning both the divergence of the regnal and revenue years in the reign of Euergetes and the relation of the Macedonian and Egyptian calendars in his reign by supposing that the regnal years were reckoned from Dios 1, but that the 1st regnal year either began on Dios 1 following his accession or included the period from his accession up to the next but one Dios 1. The former alternative is, however, open to the objection already urged against Reinach's view (cf. p. 364), viz. the difficulty of supposing that documents would continue to be dated by the years of a king who is known to be dead, and the latter would lead to the conclusion that Euergetes' first regnal year contained two whole Macedonian years less 24 days; while from either theory it would follow that the numbers of the regnal years were in certain months two in arrear of those of the revenue years, which is unlikely.

We are reduced therefore to the conclusion that none of the suggested explanations of the distinction between revenue and regnal years can be regarded as satisfactory, and that the present evidence is inadequate to provide a solution of the problem. In these circumstances the only course is to fall back upon the one certain fact connected with regnal years that their numbers were sometimes

one in arrear of those of revenue years; and since the distinction between a revenue and regnal year is maintained in Philadelphus' reign as late as Epeiph and in the reigns of Euergetes and Philopator as late as Phamenoth, for practical purposes regnal years may be regarded as approximately a year in arrear of the revenue years. This consideration has an important bearing on the conversion of early Ptolemaic dates into years of the Julian calendar, since any date in which the year of the king is regnal is likely to fall within the year B. C. following that within which it would fall if the king's year were a revenue one; and the conventional system, which still prevails, of converting early Ptolemaic dates into years B. C. on the assumption that the king's years are reckoned on the revenue system is certainly in need of modification. With regard to the system of calculating the king's years employed in documents which are dated by Macedonian months, there are some reasons for thinking that the years correspond with regnal rather than with revenue years (cf. p. 374); and in the absence of any direct evidence for more than two systems of reckoning the king's years we are inclined to identify the official Macedonian years with the regnal years, and hence to connect the difficulties concerning the latter with the use of a Macedonian instead of an Egyptian year, although the fresh evidence adduced in this volume with regard to the Macedonian calendar does not render that connexion easier to unravel.

APPENDIX III

THE EPONYMOUS PRIESTHOODS FROM B. C. 301-221.

THE list of the eponymous priesthoods during the Ptolemaic period in Otto's *Priester und Tempel*, pp. 175-96, can now be largely supplemented as regards the third century B. C. from the new volume of the Petrie papyri and the present series of texts, and a revised table of the priesthoods during the reigns of the first three Ptolemies may be found useful. The most striking feature of the new evidence is that which proves the extreme antiquity of the priesthood of Alexander at Alexandria, the origin of which cult has been in its various bearings one of the most widely discussed problems in the history of the Diadochi. Hitherto the earliest year to which the priesthood of Alexander could be carried back was the 16th year of Philadelphus (B. C. 270-69 or 269-8), to which P. Petrie I. 24, until now the oldest dated Greek papyrus, belongs; two earlier demotic contracts in the Louvre, dated in the 13th year of Soter

and the 8th year of Philadelphus respectively, made no mention of any priest-hoods. Though the dangerous character of the *argumentum a silentio* when based upon date-formulae of contracts is by this time generally admitted, the evidence of these two demotic papyri that the cult of Alexander was not instituted till some years after the accession of Philadelphus seemed to be supported by the circumstance that, when that cult made its appearance, the gods Adelphi were uniformly associated with Alexander; and it is not surprising that the latest critic (Otto, *op. cit.* pp. 138-52) strongly supports the view of e.g. Wilamowitz and Wilcken, who regarded Philadelphus as the creator of the Alexander cult at Alexandria, against that of Kaerst and Kornemann, who mainly on the evidence of Pseudo-Callisthenes (III. 33) wished to credit the foundation of the cult to Soter. Kaerst and Kornemann nevertheless were right, and one more proof is given of the historical elements interwoven into the romance of Alexander. Though we need not accept its statement that the priesthood of Alexander was instituted by the will of Alexander himself, that assertion was not very wide of the mark. The Hibeh papyri fortunately include several date-formulae earlier than P. Petrie I. 24; and not only in 110. 40 and 44 dated in the 12th and 13th years of Philadelphus, and 97. 3 dated in the 7th (or 4th) year of the same reign, but even in 84 (a) which was actually written in the 5th year of Soter, i.e. about B.C. 300, is the mention of the year of the reigning monarch followed by the entry ἐφ' ἱερέως A τοῦ B. It is true that this priest is in no instance stated to be the priest of Alexander; but even if it were not known independently that the cult of Ptolemy Soter at Alexandria was first introduced in the reign of Philopator (cf. Otto, *op. cit.* p. 180), no official cult but that of Alexander could have obtained such importance in Egypt by B.C. 300 that it was unnecessary to specify the deity to which 'the priest' was attached. It was only when, in some period between the 13th year and Daisius (i.e. Phamenoth or Pharmouthi probably) of the 15th year of Philadelphus (cf. 110. 44 and 99. 3), that sovereign associated the cult of his sister and himself with the worship of Alexander, that a more precise description of the greatest official priesthood was ordained, and the brief formula of the early documents took the first step in the direction of those interminable lists of priest-hoods of deified Ptolemies which finally exhausted the patience of the later Ptolemaic scribes. Since Arsinoë Philadelphus died in the 15th year of her brother's reign before the month of Pachon (cf. the date of the Mendes stele quoted by Bouché-Leclercq, *Histoire des Lagides*, I. p. 180), the association of the gods Adelphi with the cult of Alexander may well have been one of the many divine honours paid to her by Philadelphus after her death, although the evidence does not exclude the

possibility that the association took place one or two years previously. To the interval between 99, written in Daisius of the 15th year, and dem. P. Louvre 2424, written in Athur of the 19th (if Revillout's decipherment of it is to be trusted), is to be assigned the creation of the canephorate of Arsinoë; and the institution of this priesthood at any rate is no doubt closely connected with her death.

Besides their new evidence for the existence of the priesthood of Alexander in B.C. 300, the date of the association of the gods Adelphi with Alexander, and the date of the institution of the canephorate of Arsinoë Philadelphus, the Hibeh papyri also serve to limit the date at which the association of the gods Euergetae in the Alexander cult took place to the 3rd, 4th, or 5th years of Euergetes; cf. 145 with 171 and our remarks on no. (21).

In the following Table the names of the priests and priestesses are given in Greek (in the genitive case) when the evidence for them is in that language, but in Roman characters when the evidence is derived from demotic documents. It is often difficult to recognize a Greek name in its demotic form, even when that is correctly deciphered; few, therefore, of the names which rest on the evidence of demotic are likely to be quite correct, while many of them are obviously wrong. Where, as in all the demotic and some of the Greek papyri which mention the priests, the months are given on the Egyptian calendar, the king's years may be either 'revenue' or 'regnal' years (cf. App. ii.); since most of the names of priests are derived from private documents, it is probable that the 'regnal' years largely predominate, but only in one case, no. (27), can it be determined with certainty which of the two years is meant. Where, as in most of the Greek evidence, the months are given on the Macedonian calendar, the presumption is that the king's years are calculated on a Macedonian system, which we are disposed to regard as identical with or approximating to the system employed in reckoning regnal years; cf. our remarks on (27). In converting the dates into years on the Julian calendar, the date B.C. which is probably implied if the year in question is regnal is placed in brackets after the date implied if the year is a revenue one. The priesthoods were annual offices, though sometimes renewable for a second term, e.g. nos. (25) and (26). Probably the year in question was the official Macedonian year, whatever that may have been. It is noticeable that inconsistencies with regard to the dates of particular priests are rare (cf. nos. (21) and (32)), and the evidence forms several consistent series covering a number of consecutive years, e.g. from the 8th to the 13th years of Euergetes. This strongly indicates that the priest's year of office coincided with the year (Macedonian or regnal, rather than revenue, as we think) employed in dating the great majority of the documents from which the list of priests is drawn up.

| No. | Year of reign. | B. C. | Priests. |
|------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | Formula : ἐφ' ἱερέως. |
| | | | <i>Soter.</i> |
| (1) | 5 | 301-0 (?) | Μενελάου τοῦ Λαμάχου. |
| | | | <i>Philadelphus.</i> |
| (2) | 7 (or 4) | 279-8 (278-7) or 282-1 (281-0) | Λ[ιμ]ναί[ο]υ τοῦ Ἀπ[ο]λλώ. |
| (3) | 12 | 274-3 (273-2) | [.] τοῦ Καλ[ιμ]ήδους. |
| (4) | 13 | 273-2 (272-1) | Νεα[.] τοῦ . . .]οκλέους. |
| (5) | lost | 300-271 | Φιλίσκου τοῦ Σπουδαίου. |
| | | | Formula : ἐφ' ἱερέως Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν. |
| (6) | 15 | 271-0 (270-69) | Πατρόκλου τοῦ Πάτρωνος. |
| | | | Formula : { ἐφ' ἱερέως Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν { κανηφόρου Ἀρσινόης Φιλαδέλφου. |
| (7) | 19 | 267-6 (266-5) | { omitted. |
| (8) | 21 | 265-4 (264-3) | { Aristomache daughter of Aristomachus. |
| (9) | 22 | 264-3 (263-2) | { Democritus (?) son of Asclepiodotus (?). |
| (10) | 23 | 263-2 (262-1) | { Cassandra (?) daughter of Axipolus (?). |
| (11) | 24 | 262-1 (261-0) | { Πέλοπος τοῦ Ἀλεξάνδρου. |
| (12) | 20-27 | 267-58 | { Μνησιστράτης τῆς Τεισάρχου. |
| (13) | 28 | 258-7 (257-6) | { Κινέου τοῦ Ἀλκέτου. |
| (14) | 29 | 257-6 (256-5) | { [.] τῆς Πολεμοκράτους. |
| | | | { Ἀριστοῦνίκου τοῦ Περιλάου. |
| | | | { Χαρέας τῆς Ἀπίου. |
| | | | { lost. |
| | | | { Φιλω[τέρας] τῆς . . . |
| | | | { [.] τοῦ Ἀγκίλνου. |
| | | | { Νύμφης τῆς Μάγονος. |
| | | | { Ἀντιόχου [τοῦ . . .] . ε . . . |
| | | | { Δημονίκης τῆς Φίλωνος. |

| No. | Year of reign. | B. C. | Priests. |
|--|----------------|-------------------|---|
| (15) | 33 | 253-2 (252-1) | { Aëtus (?) son of Apollonius. { Demetria daughter of Dionysius. |
| (16) | 34 | 252-1 (251-0) | { Νεοπτολέμου τοῦ Φριξίου. { Ἀρσινόης τῆς Νικολάου. |
| (17) | 36 | 250-49 (249-8) | { Apinatus (?) son of Apinatus (?). { Ἐχετίμης τῆς Μεννέου. |
| (18) | 27-39 | 259-46 | { [.] τοῦ Λα . . . ονος. { Ματέλας τῆς Ἀναδ . . καδους. |
| (19) | 31-39 | 255-46 | { lost. { Μεγίστης [τῆς] |
| <i>Euergetes I.</i> | | | |
| (20) | 2 | 246-5 (245-4) | { Τληπολέμου τοῦ Ἀρταπάτου. { Πτολεμαίδος τῆς Θυίανος. |
| (21) | 3 | 245-4 (244-3) | { Ἀρχελάου son of Demus (?). { Arsinoë τῆς Πολεμοκράτου(s). |
| (22) | 4 (?) | 244-3 (243-2) | { Archelaus son of Demus (?). { Arsinoë daughter of Polemocrates. |
| Formula : { ἔφ' ἱερέως Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελφῶν καὶ θεῶν Εὐεργετῶν κατηφόρου Ἀρσινόης Φιλαδέλφου. | | | |
| (23) | 5 | 243-2 (242-1) | { Ἀριστοβούλου τοῦ Διοδότου. { Ἰαμνέας τῆς Ὑπο . . . [.] |
| (24) | 8 | 240-39 (239-8) | { Ὀνο[μ]άστου τοῦ Πύργωνος. { Ἀρχεστράτης τῆς Κτησικλέους. |
| (25) | 9 | 239-8 (238-7) | { Ἀπολλωνίδου τοῦ Μοσχίωνος. { Μενεκρατείας τῆς Φιλάμμωνος. |
| (26) | 10 | 238-7 (237-6) | { Ἀπολλωνίδου τοῦ Μοσχίωνος. { Μενεκρατείας τῆς Φιλάμμωνος τὸ β (ἔτος). |
| (27) | 11 | 236-5 | { Σελεύκου τοῦ Ἀντι . . . ου. { [Ἀσ]πασίας τῆς Ἀθηνίω[νο]ς. |
| (28) | 12 | 236-5 (235-4) | { Εὐκλέους τοῦ Εὐβάτα. { Στρατονίκης τῆς Καλλιάνακτος. |
| (29) | 13 | 235-4 (234-3) | { Σωσιβίου τοῦ Διοσκόρου. { Βερενίκης τῆς Πτολεμαίου. |
| (30) | 15? | 233-2 (232-1) | { Hellenicus (?) son of Hellenicus (?). { Socia (?) daughter of Licotas (?). |
| (31) | 17 | 231-0 (230-29) | { Menneas (?) son of Menoetius (?). { Berenice daughter of Aëtius (?). |
| (32) | 20 | 228-7 (227-6) | { Actitos (?). { . . daughter of Alexilaos (?). |

| No. | Year of reign. | B. C. | Priests. |
|------|----------------|------------------|--|
| (33) | 21 | 227-6 (226-5) | { Γαλέστων τοῦ Φιλιστίωνος. Βερενίκης τῆς Σωσιπόλειος. |
| (34) | 22 | 226-5 (225-4) | { Ἀλεξικράτους τοῦ Θεογένους. Βερενίκης τῆς Καλλιόνακτος. |
| (35) | 24 | 224-3 (223-2) | { Alcetas (?) son of Iasos (?). Dionysia daughter of Silas (?). |
| (36) | 25 | 223-2 (222-1) | { Δωσιθέου τοῦ Δριμύλου. Βερενίκης τῆς Πυθαγγέλου. |
| (37) | uncertain | | { lost. . . . τῆς Χαρίτωνος. |

(1) 84 (a). 1, 16.

(2) 97. 2. 'A[θη]ναί[ο]ν may be read for A[μ]ναί[ο]ν.

(3) 110. 40.

(4) 110. 44. The figure 3 in the number of the year is not quite certain; cf. note *ad loc.*

(5) 80. 23.

(6) 99. 3 and 128.

(7) Dem. P. Louvre 2424 (Athur). Cf. Revillout, *Chrest. dém.* pp. 231 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 5. The omission of the priest* of Alexander is very curious, and is due to an error of some kind.

(8) Dem. P. Lond. (Revillout, *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 6). 'Democrites' may be Δημοκράτης or Δημόκριτος, and 'Axipolus' is obviously wrong.

(9) 92. 3; cf. P. Petrie III. 52 (a). 3, where in l. 2 (ἔτους) κβ, l. 3 Πέλοπ[ος], and l. 5 τῆς Τεῖσάρχου should be read.

(10) 88. 2 and Hibeh unpubl. pap.; cf. 88, introd.

(11) 85. 3 and 150.

(12) 134. The papyrus was written while the *viós* was associated with Philadelphus, i.e. after Phaophi 11 of the 19th year when Philadelphus was still reigning alone (100, introd.), and not later than the 27th, in which year the *viós* disappeared from the date-formula (*Rev. Laws* i. 1). 134, therefore, belongs to the 20th, 23rd, 25th, 26th or, less probably, the 27th year.

(13) 94. 3.

(14) 95. 2; cf. dem. P. Leyden 379 (Revillout, *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 13; Krall, *Sitz. Wien. Ak.* cv. p. 357). Revillout and Krall give the name of the

canephorus correctly, and call the priest of Alexander Antimachus son of Cebes. Κέβητος does not, however, suit the traces of letters in 95. 2, though -τος is possible; cf. note *ad loc.*

- (15) Dem. P. Louvre 2433 (Revillout, *Chrest. dém.* pp. 241 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 6). In P. Petrie III. 42 F (a), written probably in this year, occurs the earliest extant example of τοῦ ὄντος and τῆς οὐσης in place of the names of the priest and canephorus.
- (16) 98. 7.
- (17) The name of the canephorus is preserved in P. Petrie I. 22 (1). 2 and dem. P. Louvre 2443, that of the priest of Alexander only in the latter (Revillout, *Chrest. dém.* pp. 246 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 6). Apinatus is not likely to be right. Revillout deciphered the canephorus as Atis daughter of Mennas.
- (18) P. Petrie III. 56 (b) (= Rev. Laws p. 187). The year is lost (Otto wrongly assigns it to the 27th), but is not earlier than the 27th, in which the formula Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου Σωτήρος was introduced (Rev. Laws i. 1). The papyrus therefore belongs to the 27th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 35th, 37th, 38th, or 39th years.
- (19) P. Petrie III. 54 (a). 2. The papyrus is later than the 30th year and probably belongs to the 31st, 35th, 38th, or 39th years rather than to the 32nd or 37th; cf. Smyly's note.
- (20) P. Petrie III. 43 (2). ii. 1 *et saep.*; cf. dem. P. Louvre 2438 (Revillout, *Chrest. dém.* pp. 257 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 7), where the names were deciphered as Tlepolemos or Triporimos son of Altibios, and Ptolemaea daughter of Theon or Thian.
- (21) 145 preserves the names Ἀρχε[λάου and Πολεμοκράτου(s); cf. for the rest the names of the priests in the 4th year in dem. P. Louvre 2431 (Revillout, *Chrest. dém.* pp. 265 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 7), where they have been deciphered as Archelaos or Alecros son of Demos and Arsinoë daughter of Polemocrates. 145 was written probably in Artemisius, which then corresponded approximately to Pauni (cf. App. i); the demotic papyrus is dated in Mecheir. It is possible to refer the two dates to the same year of office on the hypothesis that the Greek papyrus is dated by the regnal, the demotic by the revenue year; cf. App. ii. Or, if the 3rd and 4th years are really distinct, and there is no error in the demotic, Archelaus and Arsinoë may have remained in office for two years, like the priests of the 9th and 10th years.
- (22) Dem. P. Louvre 2431; cf. note on (21).
- (23) 171.

- (24) 89. 2 and Hibeh unpubl. pap. 'Ονομακρίτου is a possible alternative for 'Ονομάστον; cf. 89, introd.
- (25) Inscr. Canop. 1. Cf. the next note.
- (26) P. Petrie III. 5 (a). 2, 6(a). 17, &c.; it is uniformly stated in these documents that Apollonides and Menecratia held office for the second year.
- (27) P. Petrie III. 58 (c). 7 (introd. p. 8) and 58 (d). 7. These two papyri are dated in the 11th regnal and 12th revenue year (cf. p. 359), and are therefore free from the uncertainty attaching to dates in which the two systems of dating are not distinguished. Since regnal years so far as can be judged (cf. p. 367) begin or may begin about a year later than revenue years having the same numbers, and the conventional system of converting early Ptolemaic dates into years of the Julian calendar probably applies only to the revenue years, we assign these two papyri to B. C. 236-5. not to B. C. 237-6. A comparison of the evidence concerning Seleucus and Aspasia, who are known to have held office in the 11th regnal and 12th revenue years, with that concerning Eucles and Stratonice, no (28), is instructive. There are no less than six instances in which the latter are mentioned in wills of the 12th year (excluding those cases in which the figure is lost), and seeing that different priests were in office during part at any rate of the 12th revenue year, it is very unlikely that the 12th year in connexion with Eucles and Stratonice was a revenue year, especially as none of these six papyri is concerned with revenues and the months, where their names are preserved, are given on the Macedonian, not the Egyptian, calendar. Whether the king's years reckoned on the Macedonian system are distinct from the Egyptian regnal years is uncertain (cf. p. 366); but even if the two systems are independent and the 12th year in those six instances is not identical with the twelfth regnal year, the circumstance that the priests mentioned in them are different from those who are known to have held office in the 11th regnal year and 12th revenue year suggests that the 12th Macedonian year corresponded much more closely to the 12th regnal year than to the 12th revenue year.
- (28) P. Petrie III. 11. 10, 37, 13 (a). 21, 14. 12, 15. 2, 16. 18, &c.
- (29) P. Petrie III. 18. 1 and 55. 1; cf. dem. P. Marseille correctly deciphered by Revillout, *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 134. Since the 12th year in (28) is probably a regnal, not a revenue year, the fact that the priests in (29) are different from those in (28) indicates that the 13th year in (29) also is a regnal year; cf. our remarks on (27).
- (30) Dem. P. Louvre 2429 (Revillout, *Chrest. dém.* pp. 273 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.*

I. p. 8). The grandfather's name of the priest of Alexander ('Euphratoros,' Revillout) seems to be given, but we suspect an error either in the text or the decipherment. Otto (*op. cit.* p. 177) proposes 'Ελλάνικος 'Ελλαίνικου τοῦ Εὐφράνορος. The year is not quite certain, being lost in the demotic contract and restored from the Greek docket. Otto prefers (ἔτους) ις to (ἔτους) ιε, but in the facsimile ιε is more suitable. Neither 'Socia' nor 'Licotas' can be right.

- (31) Cf. three demotic papyri in the British Museum (Revillout, *Chrest. dém.* p. cxxxvi, and *Rev. Égypt.* I. pp. 15, 119, and 135), and dem. P. Berl. 3089 (Spiegelberg, dem. P. Berl. p. 6). Revillout gives the forms Mennas, son of Menetios, and Berenice (twice; elsewhere Cleonica and Cerdica) daughter of Atis (or Adaeus), Spiegelberg Mnās son of Mntiās (the last s being doubtful) and Brnigā (i. e. Berenice) daughter of ;Atis (Aëtios?).
- (32) In dem. P. Louvre 2425 (*Chrest. dém.* pp. 278 sqq., *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 8), dated in Mesore of the 20th year, Revillout gives the priests' names as Calistos son of Philistion and Berenice daughter of Sosipatros. These persons are obviously the same as the priests of the 21st year, known from P. Petrie III. 21. (a). 1, 5, (b). 1, 6, (g). 29, as was pointed out by Wilcken (*Gött. gel. Anz.* 1895, p. 143), who in P. Petrie I. 27 (= III. 21 (b)) proposed to insert τὸ β (ἔτος) after Φιλιστίωνος, but wrongly; cf. Smyly's note on III. 21 (b). The Greek documents therefore, unlike those mentioned in connexion with (26), give no indication that the 21st was the second year in which Galestes and Berenice held office, and another demotic papyrus (dem. P. Lond., *Chrest. dém.* p. 131, and *Rev. Égypt.* I. p. 118), which mentions them, is dated in Epeiph of the 21st year. Hence we think the attribution of a second year of office to Galestes and Berenice is erroneous. The conflict of evidence with regard to them can be reconciled by the hypothesis that the 20th is a regnal, the 21st a revenue year; cf. no. (21). But we are more inclined to suspect an error in the text or decipherment of dem. P. Louvre 2425, especially as Revillout from another demotic papyrus in London (*Aegypt. Zeitschr.* 1880, p. 111) gives Actitos and a daughter of Alexilaos as priests in the 20th year.
- (33) Cf. note on (32).
- (34) P. Petrie III. 19. (c). 1, 9, (f). 9, &c. and several demotic papyri. P. Petrie III. 21 (g). 1-3, where the priests' names are omitted, also belongs to this year; cf. note on no. (36). The demotic names were deciphered by Revillout as Alexicrates son of Diogenes or Theogenes and Berenike daughter of Cleonicus, and by Spiegelberg as ;Algsigrtis son of Thugns and Berenike daughter of Griangs.

- (35) Dem. P. Lond. (Revillout, *Aegypt. Zeitschr.* 1880, p. 112), where the father's name of the priest of Alexander is given as Iasôu.
- (36) 90. 2 and an unpublished Tebtunis papyrus; cf. note on 90. 2. The names occur in dem. P. Berl. 3096, where they were deciphered by Revillout (*Rev. Égypt.* IV. p. 152) as Dositheos son of Dositheos and Berenike daughter of Ph . . tim . . krs, by Spiegelberg (dem. P. Berl. p. 6) as Tusitus (Dositheos) son of Tripirus (Tryphilos) and Berenike daughter of Phitimigrs (or Khitimigrs). In P. Petrie III. 21 (g), where the editors read in ll. 1-3 (ἔτους) κε [ἐφ' ἱερέως] Πτολε[μαίου τοῦ]ον Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ θεῶν Ἀδελ. καὶ θεῶν Εὐεργ. κανηφ. Ἀρσ. Φιλ. Τιμ τῆς Ἀλεξάνδρου . . , we read (ἔτους) κβ [ἐφ' ἱερέως] τοῦ ὄντ[ος] ἐν Ἀ[λεξανδρείαι] Ἀλεξάνδρου κ.τ.λ. κανηφ. Ἀρσ. Φιλ. τῆς οὔσης ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείαι. This protocol therefore provides another early example of the omission of the priests' names; cf. no. (15).
- (37) P. Petrie II. 25 (i). 5.

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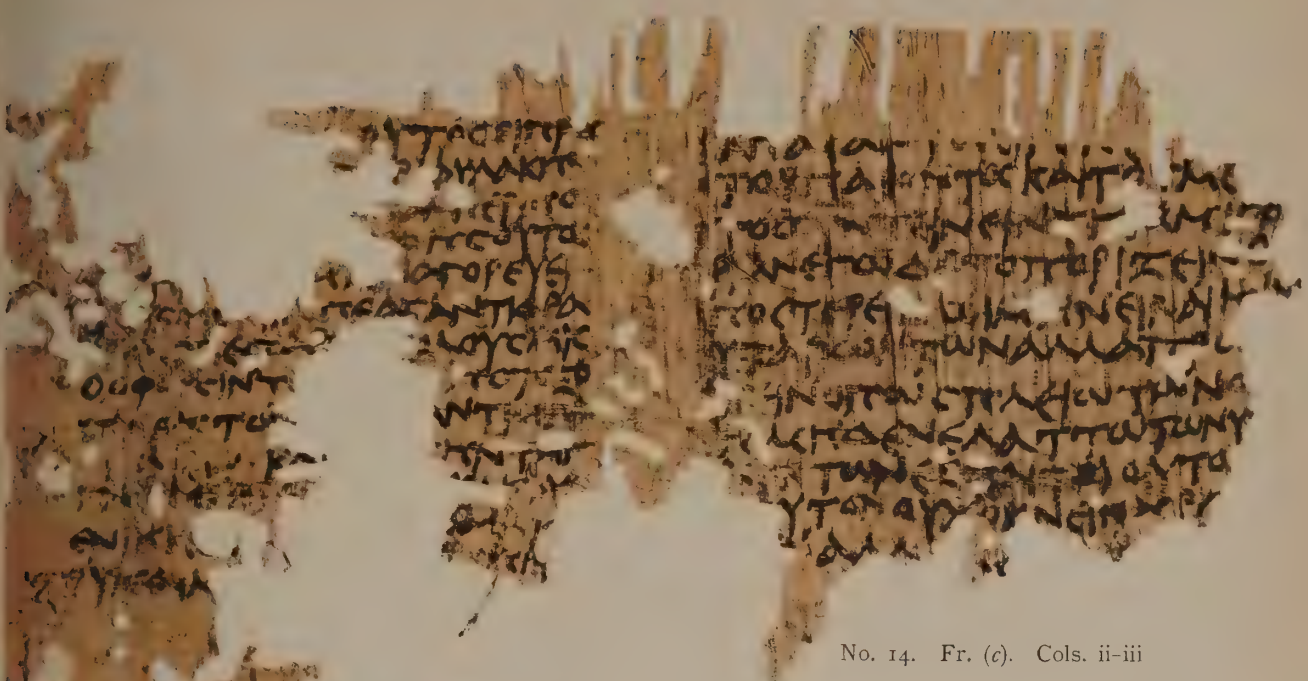
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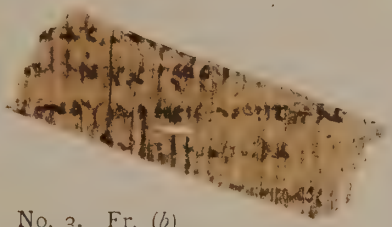
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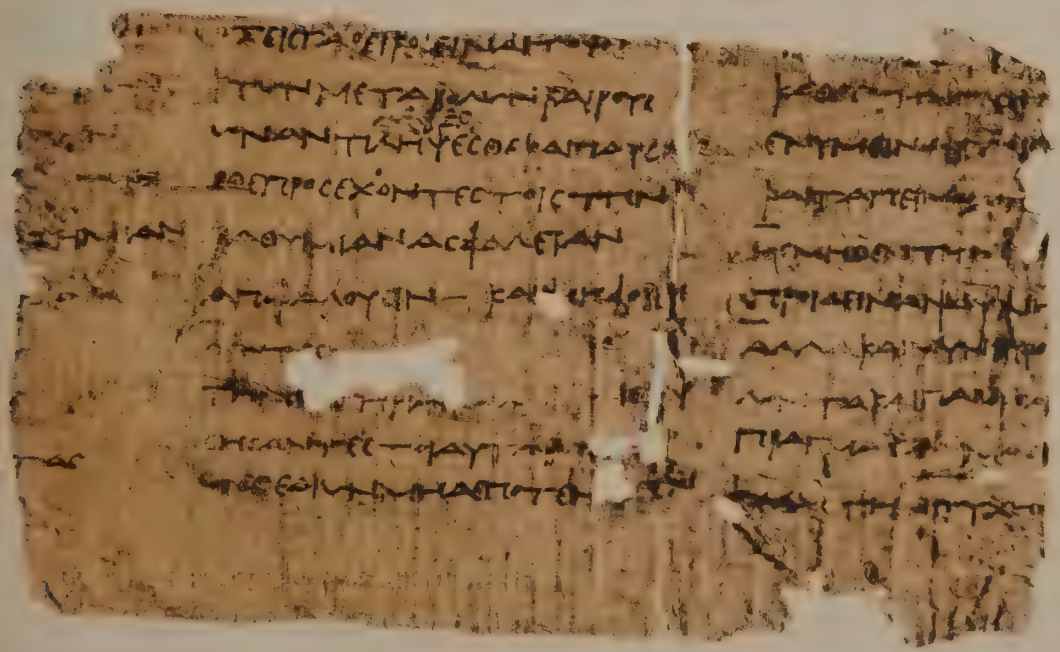
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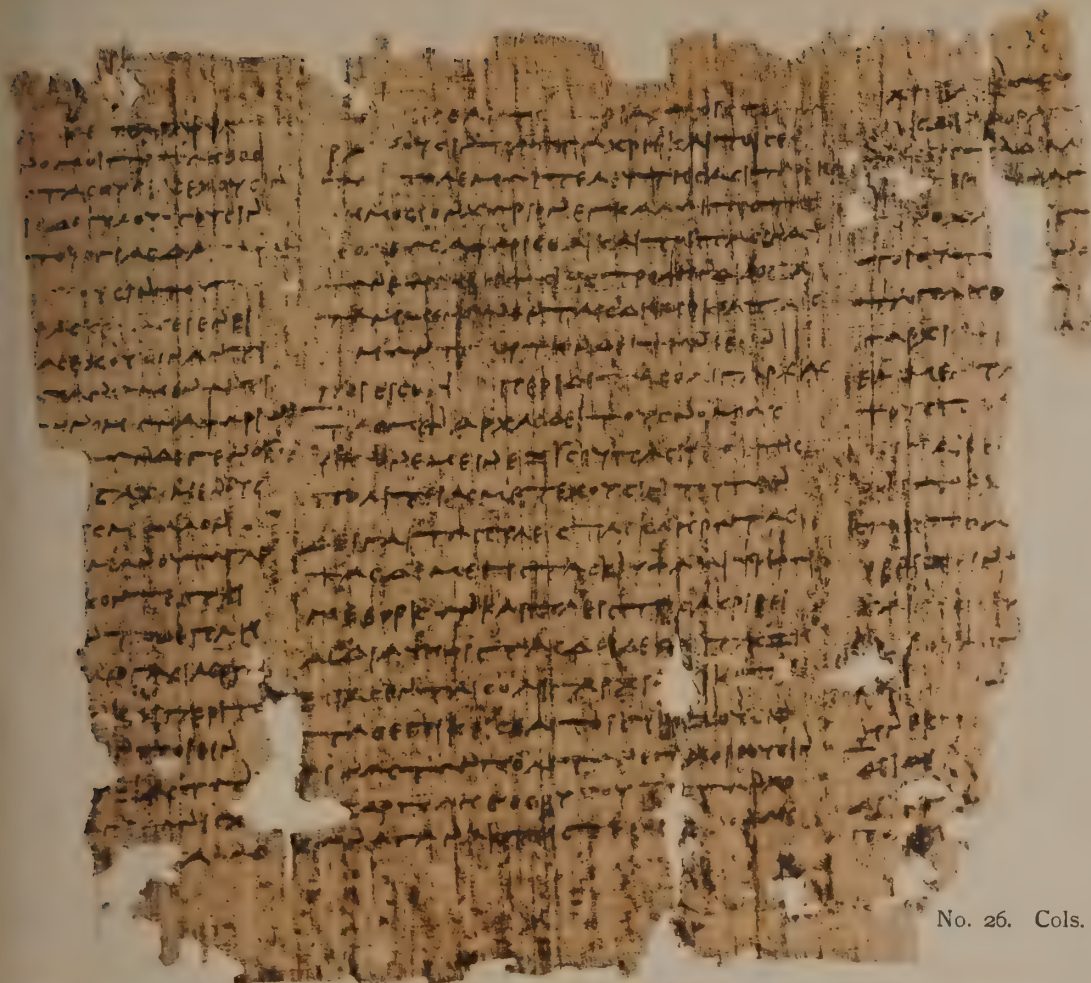
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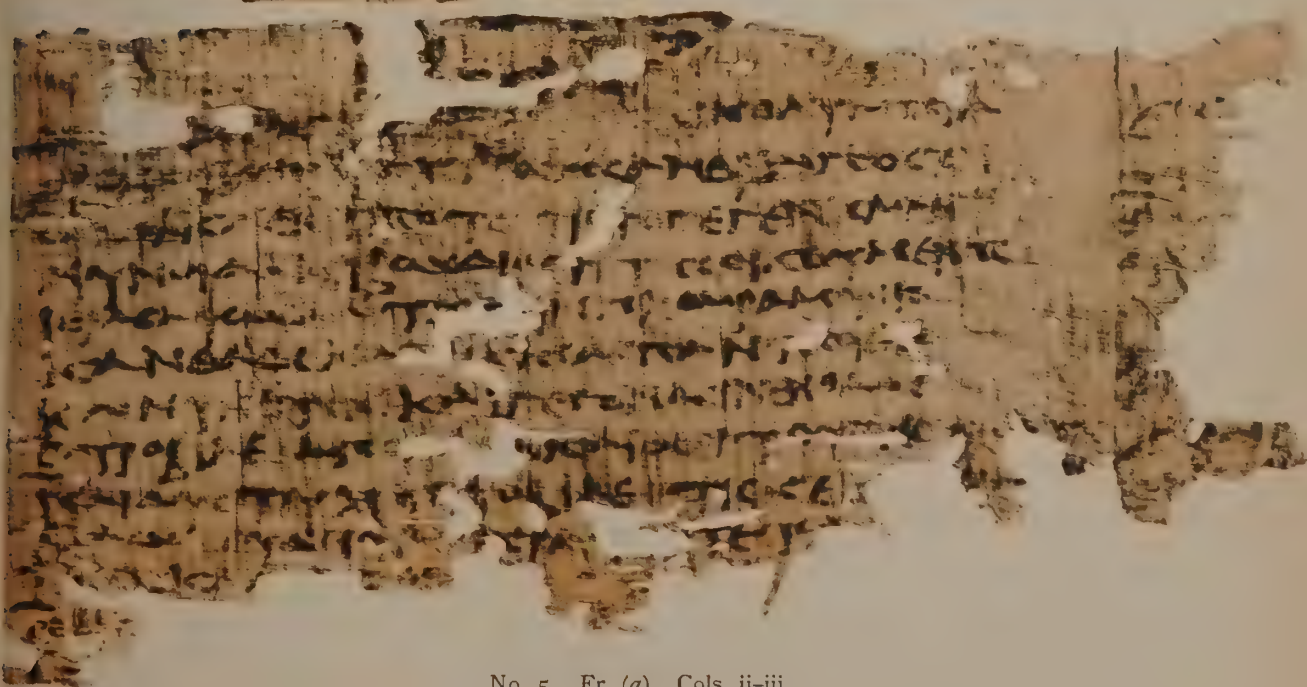
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Top left: ...ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ...
Top center: ...ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ...
Top right: ...ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ...
Middle left: ...ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ...
Middle center: ...ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ...
Middle right: ...ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ...
Bottom left: ...ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ...
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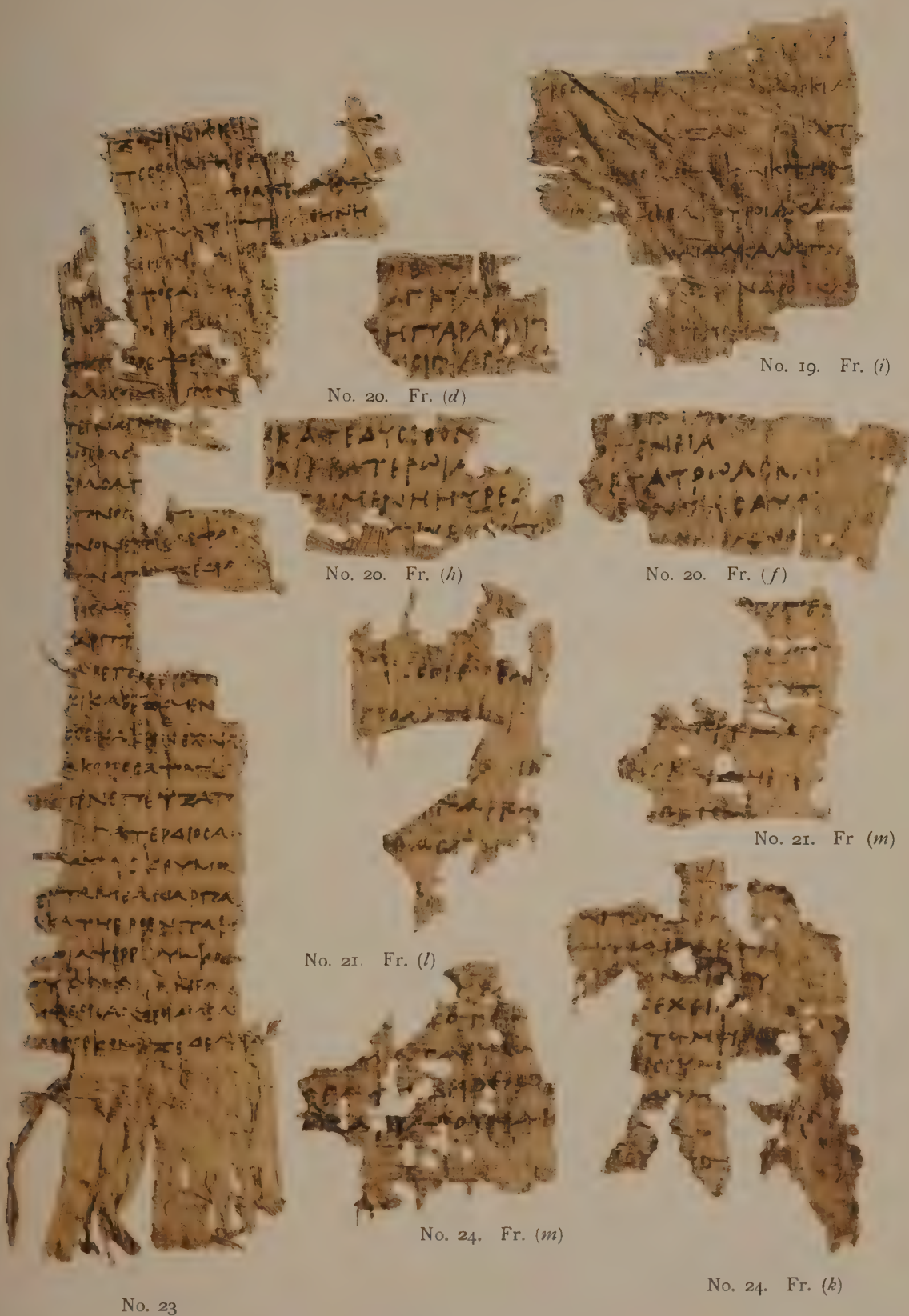
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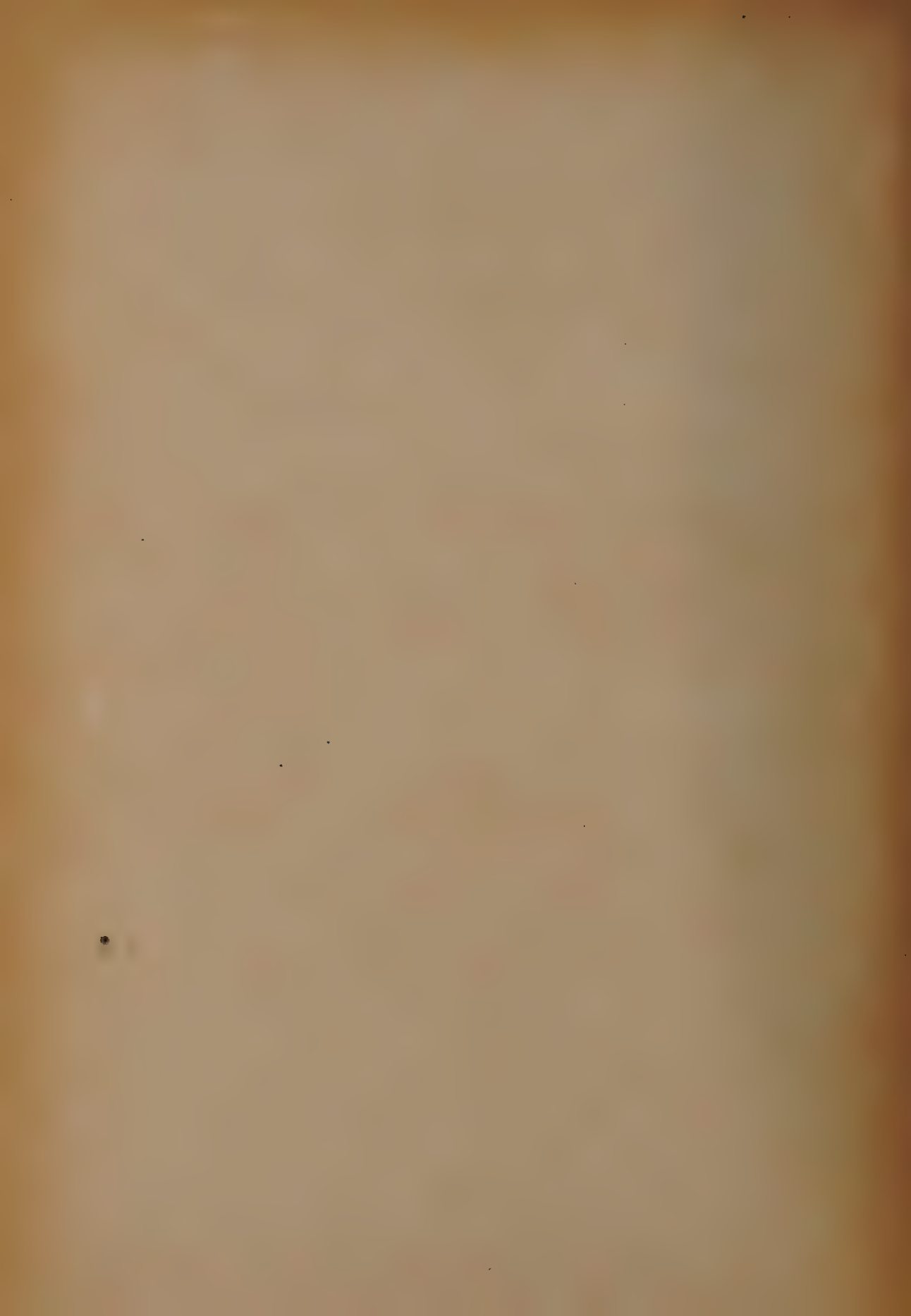
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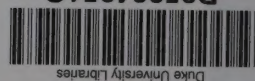
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